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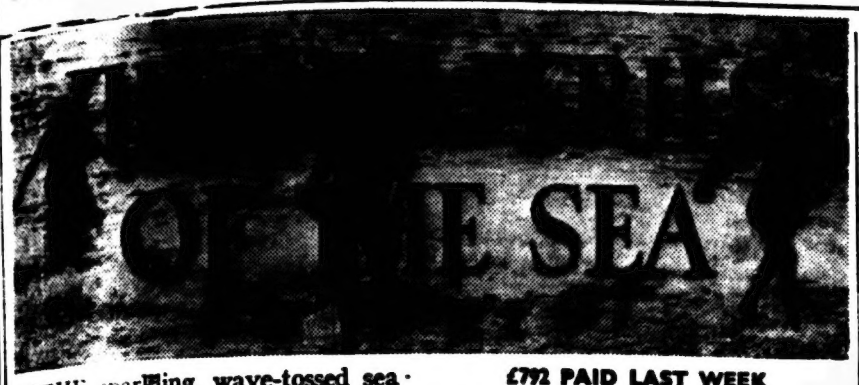

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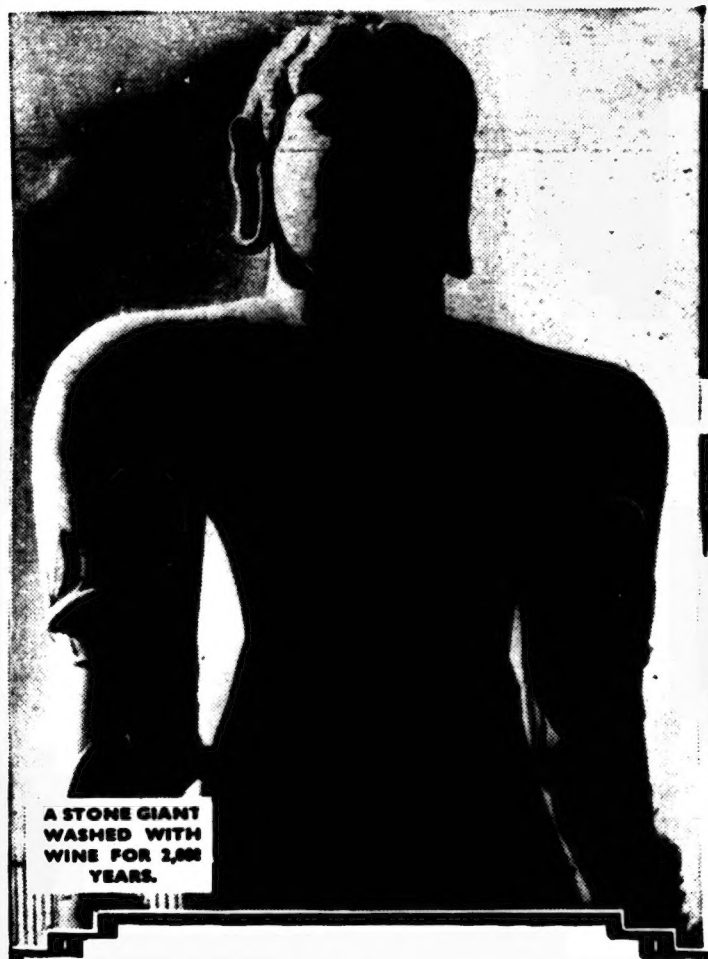

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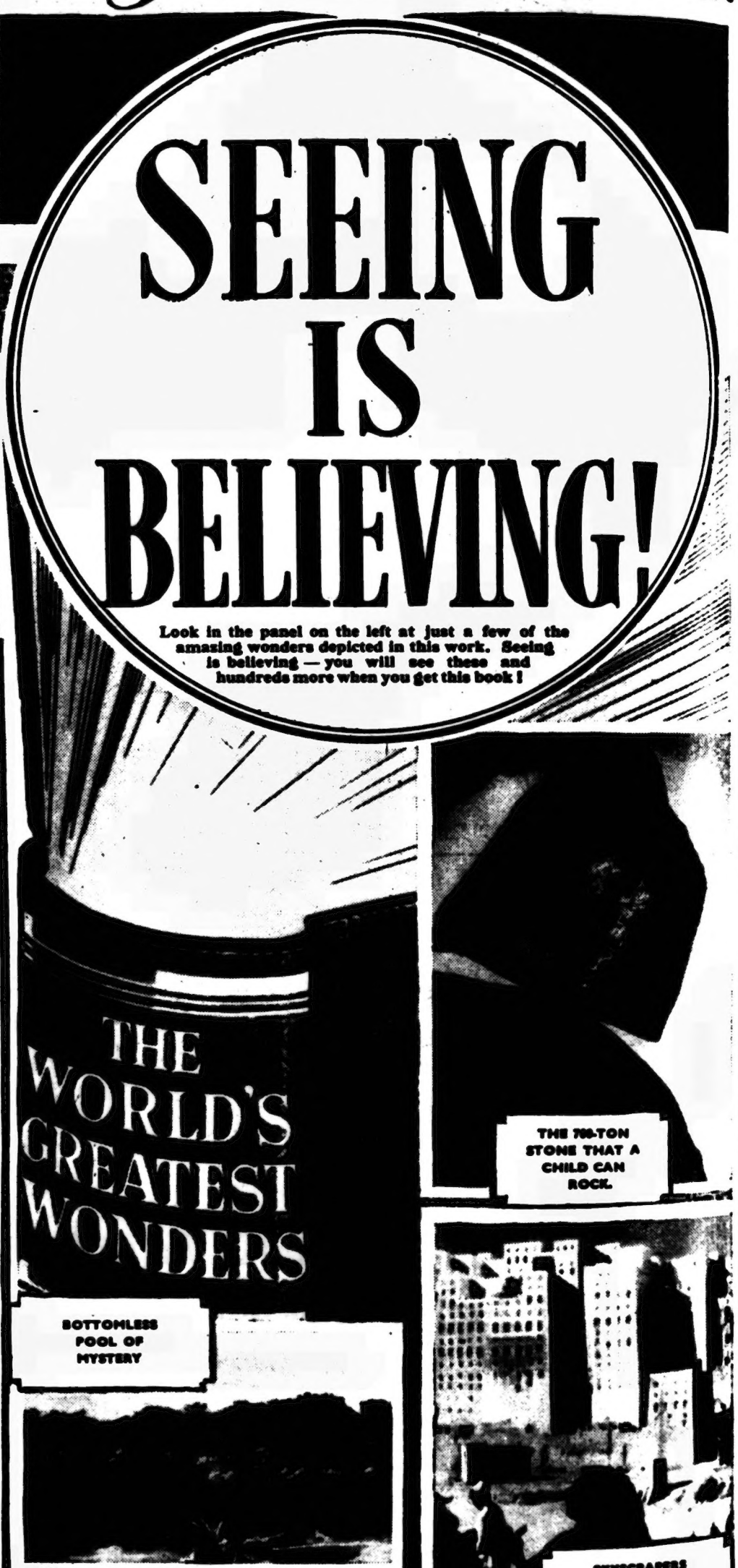

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New Tax Threat

IN the news the other day it was reported that thousands of people in Essex may face ruin because of new rating assessments—in many cases representing increases of 40 per cent.

People who own their houses will have to sell out and lose money. Tenant-occupiers are threatened also with a great new burden.

John Bull can reveal that what is happening in Essex is likely very soon to be prevalent almost everywhere.

Indeed, most communities may expect to suffer even worse than the ratepayers of Essex.

We can identify the origin of this new threat to the people and their homes. It is to be found in an innocent-looking document which has gone out from Whitehall to all local authorities in the country.

It is an incitement to them to increase the valuation of great sections of dwelling-house property. *It is also a cloak for a cunning scheme of the Government to raise more money for rearmament.*

From cover to cover the document is loaded with menace to thirteen million homes. Vast numbers of working-class people, in particular, will find before long that its consequences are bound to be sinister for them.

Adding to the home-builder's burden

PROBABLY you have never even heard of the body responsible for the authorship of the document. It is called the Central Valuation Committee, which, not long ago, was set up by the Government under recent rating legislation, "to promote uniformity in the principles and practice of valuation."

With the avowed functions of this Government committee no one who cares more for the public instead of private selfish interests could possibly quarrel. If it ever succeeds in its task of removing the wholesale disparities and anomalies that make chaos of the rating system of Britain, it will deserve and get the fullest measure of popular applause.

Our readers know how strenuously John Bull has always campaigned for the clearing up of the awful mess by which faulty valuation lists give benefits to individuals that have to be made up by other ratepayers.

They know how, in many areas, ratepayers have to bear more than their fair share of taxation because those in adjoining communities pay less than their proper contribution.

Especially have we demanded reform because in too many cases artificially low assessments have meant the subsidising of high rents. And almost always the advantage accrues wholly to the benefit of the owner and not the occupier of a house, for the existence of a low valuation is thought by the landlord to justify a higher rent or an enhanced sale price.

Anyone who perused casually the document which has been distributed from Whitehall to regulate rating assessments for five years hence might be deceived into the belief that these urgently necessary reforms are at last about to be achieved.

The truth is very different.

Nothing is more obvious from its contents than that it is not the intention to start a levelling-out process. It is to be one of forcing up values—and most of the forcing to be done among the classes of the community who can least afford it.

First and foremost, the five million tenants of houses controlled by the Rent Restriction Acts are likely to suffer severely. Open encouragement is given to local rating authorities to raise the assessments of most of these dwellings—and the burden will, of course, be automatically passed from the landlords to their tenants.

VERY hard-hit also will be the occupiers of houses built in the last seventeen years.

All round, it is practically certain that dwelling-house assessments generally throughout the country will be increased by one-third. In some areas where the Whitehall instructions are already being carried out with grim eagerness, the rise, so far, has been 40 per cent.

Rating experts believe that in a year or two a 50 per cent. increase—especially on working and lower middle class houses—will be common.

The disquieting Whitehall document is transparently worthless and dangerous because it urges an increase in rating valuations on the falsest grounds. Those responsible for it flatly refuse to accept the view that present-day rents are either abnormal or excessive!

Worse piffle has never been uttered by any Government department.

BUT a still graver view has to be taken of this document than even these implications inspire.

It cannot have been issued without the knowledge and the approval of the Cabinet and the Treasury. Manifestly, it was conceived at the time that Mr. Neville Chamberlain was making known his plans for the financing of the rearmament programme.

It cannot be accepted as mere coincidence that the five years in which the new rating rules are to be applied are also the lean and almost unprovided-for five years of the Government's defence plan.

The rateable assessments of dwelling-houses are the basis of the Schedule A property tax.

When the higher rateable values are created, it is inevitable that the income-tax authorities will also adopt a higher valuation for their purposes.

So, in this manner, the Government has set out to obtain, at the expense of your home, millions of extra money for the crucial five years in the finance of rearmament.

Not the smallest suggestion has ever been given by Mr. Chamberlain or any other Government spokesman that the country was depending as a last resort for its defence plans on almost impossible local taxation of the people in their homes.

The plot to make them pay now stands revealed in all its nakedness.

Only the broker's men can regard what is about to happen with any happiness. They will soon be working overtime.

Straight from the Shoulder

Humanity is Going to Jail

FOR years we have been demanding that punishment ought to be made to fit the criminal—not the crime. At last it looks as if something is going to be done about it.

Big penal reforms are promised in a new Parliamentary Bill to be introduced next session. Important clauses in it will deal with the problem of the persistent offenders who form two-thirds of the total prison population.

Reclaim Them!

The Bill will also aim at effecting far-reaching reforms in the system of prison management and administration.

All this is good. The pity is that it should have taken so long to recognise the fact that crime is not combated by punishment; that the penal system should exist to reclaim criminals—not to crush them.

Nation's Guilt

That courageous prison administrator and reformer, Mr. Alexander Paterson, has said that "No State is justified in throwing a man on the scrap-heap and leaving him to rot."

"No man must be left to rot"

Our penal system has been guilty of doing much of that. Doubly guilty when it is remembered how many people have been made into habitual criminals by the law itself.

People who had the early misfortune to be dealt with by stupid magistrates and harsh judges and were never given a chance. Luckily, slowly but surely times are changing for better.

Much to Do

Many improvements have been made in prison life, and a more humane and intelligent administration of criminal law is taking the place of the old-time savagery.

Yet much more remains to be done, even in spite of those who always kick up a row at any suggestion of softening the hardships of the "jail-bird."

The "ticket-of-leave" system and "penal servitude" as we know it to-day are not the only things that must be abolished.

Cell Horrors

The stark horror of the prison cell, with all its paltry yet spiteful restrictions, must go as well.

It is not because we have any namby-pamby ideas that prisons should be made "rest cures" for rogues. We haven't. Prison must always be a place which sensible people will take pains to avoid.

Sweep Them Away!

But because we believe that humanity must be brought into play whenever possible we want to hasten the time when all the grim prisons that typify the hateful features of the bad old days are swept away completely.

With that done the greatest advance will have been made in the worth-while work of trying to turn those who have offended against Society into useful and honest citizens.

Keeping Thin

Experts might be justified in extolling a variety of diets which have as their virtues economy, simplicity, and efficiency. We would not deny these claims.

But there can be too much economy.

Rising Prices Breeding Crop of Trouble
New Trial for the Motorists
"Wasters" in Parliament

Too many families have been on an enforced "slimming" diet for longer than anyone, including the experts, would relish.

Nor have they been able to work in a few pints of milk or drinks of tomato juice between the snacks.

Check Rising Prices

These are the people into whose homes the winter will bring keen hardship.

For them under-nourishment will do far more harm than the Government's "Keep Fit" scheme can counteract, unless something is done at once to check the soaring cost of living.

If the Government is wise it will act before some millions of people have exhausted their patience and lost their tempers.

Laughs to Order

Poor Germans! When distinguished British visitors made a factory tour, their guide, Dr. Ley, Nazi Labour Front leader, was anxious to impress.

"Oh, yes, our workers are happy," he said. And Dr. Ley roared: "Laugh."

The workers laughed dutifully.

But it is going to be even harder to raise a laugh in Germany since conjurers and clowns have been forbidden to use eggs, milk, or other edible matter for their tricks and jokes.

The exercise of such rigid economy is touching. There might be less need for it and more happiness in Germany if the population were able to laugh at the sight of Hitler or Goering being hit in the eye with a custard pie.

Proof in the Pud!

Our rulers do not think it necessary to ask, "Who is going to have a beano?" With quiet dignity the Royal Mint issues a warning that it is inadvisable to put the new twelve-edged threepenny "bits" in Christmas puddings.

Was it necessary? With so much prosperity flying around, we are sure Mr. Chamberlain is confident that the nation would not lower itself to flavour its Christmas puddings with anything less than half-crowns.

A Poor Substitute

The encouraging fact that over £2,000,000 have been subscribed in response to a recent appeal by the National Playing Fields Association should blind nobody to the fact that the business of providing Jack with a playground has been too often shelved and delayed.

In many English towns and for many years the tin can and the street pavement have done duty for the cricket ball and the green grass.

Personality Bunk

When the Guardians Committee at Dartford were discussing candidates for posts at the local hospital, one member declared that a girl applicant had a number of qualifications but lacked personality.

The Rev. J. W. Wilkinson, of Erith, remarked: "You can only tell what a person is like when you have had some time with them. Personality—a nonsensical word."

The girl got the job.

We should think so. What do the Dartford Guardians expect — Greta Garbos at ten shillings a week?

Where's the Hurry?

Panic and negligence are the alternating attitudes of the authorities when confronted with the water supply problem.

It took them nearly nine months to wake up to the dangers of the situation when faced with the drought of 1933-34. When they did bestir themselves it was rather late in the day.

Now there is a shortage in the Huddersfield district and other parts of the country, with the attendant perils to health and sanitation, and they're alarmed again.

When they've negotiated this particular hurdle we expect they'll settle down afresh to doing nothing very much in particular.

That's a job in which they seem to shine.

Gang Politics

Recent events connected with political meetings and processions have convinced those responsible for public order that something will have to be done.

Not only are heads being broken, but foreign countries are being encouraged to believe that British stability has gone, and that the country is threatened with dire disorders.

Rights to Guard

No doubt many citizens believe the time has come for provocative marches to be stopped, but in seeking a cure the authorities must not create another evil.

Our love of free speech and the right to assemble and speak in public places must be jealously guarded.

Certainly those rights must *not* be taken away.

Short Shrift

Confidence in the utility of the Government's training centres will not be strengthened if the experiences of a number of Lancashire men are oft repeated.

Have a heart, Mr. Brown!

Sent from a centre at Bourne, Linca, to a job about eight miles away, they were told the work would last about six months. But they were laid off after only three days.

Reporting back at the employment exchange, at Peterboro', no immediate financial assistance was forthcoming.

They were told they could stay there if they liked—to manage as best they could on the few shillings left in their pockets—but if they wanted to go back to Lancashire, where they belonged, they would have to tramp it.

They are not the only ones who have had such experiences. It is high time Mr. Brown, the Minister of Labour, talked less and got down to devising ways and means to end the imposition of these hardships on people the least able to bear them.

Cruel Snobbery

We never did have a great deal of time for those breeding grounds for snobbish stupidity which flourish as "private schools for the children of gentlefolk."

One of them, near Romford, Essex, admitted a little girl and took the usual three months' fees in advance.

After three days the mother received a letter—and her money back.

The letter said that because the mother was unmarried the child must be withdrawn from the school. A plague on such cruel prudishness, and on the wagging tongues that conspire to make innocent children unhappy.

Litter Lout, M.P.

At last we know where the champion litter louts are to be found. They are in Parliament.

The way the floor of the House is strewn with official papers is described as colossal and beastly.

Ten thousand tons of waste paper are collected from the baskets of Government departments every year. The Civil Servants do, you will observe, use baskets.

Our M.P.s are not so House-proud, and if time could be weighed, what a damning story Big Ben could tell of the precious hours wasted by the men who sit in his shadow.

No Muzzling!

Father F. Woodlock, S.J., believes that the tenseness of the present European situation would be lessened if there was a temporary Press censorship and criticisms of dictatorial doings were blue-pencilled.

This is nonsense. An alert and active Press can be an invaluable guardian of peace and liberty, and what's the use of a watchdog if he mustn't even bark?

Spots of Bother

There are no flies on Britain's policemen. There must be no spots on them either.

At Ripley, Derbyshire, a motorist drove through a pool of water and splashed two people with mud. One of them was a policeman in plain clothes.

Sequel: motorist fined 15s. and licence endorsed.

It is to be hoped that the mud unavoidably splashed into our faces during the slushy months ahead will not blind us to realising the advantage of being a P.C. in plain clothes—or of yet another snag added to the trials of motorists.

Old School Caps—

I.C.S. There was a time when those magic letters, indicating Indian Civil Service, were the monopoly of the big public schools—Eton, Harrow, Winchester and Rugby.

This year's list of successful candidates has just been published. Eighteen appointments. Thirteen go to young men from grammar and secondary schools. Only five are awarded to former public school boys.

Beat O.S. Ties

There is a moral in this. Successful education does not depend on traditional environment and big school bills.

A few years ago the Foreign Office was the preserve of the privileged landed classes. To-day the acting British Minister in China is the son of a Derby engine-driver.

No Fool Like . . .

Alfred Evans, aged seventy-seven, of Cleethorpes, was recently bound over for assaulting James Farman, aged seventy-nine. Evans, giving evidence, told the court that their feud had been going on seventy-one years!

Could human folly plumb deeper depths? What type of hatred is it that nurses a grievance so long, when a friendly drink at the "local" could have settled it all.

Knock-Outs

Americans envy us our form of Government, says Mr. Lou Wasey. But our Government's form is another matter.

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Mussolini's latest order to "tighten belts" means that the Italians are in another hole.

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Glad Mayfair charity balls are declining. Money going to charity from them has been declining too long.

WOMEN *who* Show *the* World

BRITAIN'S pioneer business girl, eighty-year-old Blanche Glave, died in August. It was announced last week that she had left £85,000; a small fortune earned in open competition with men in an age when woman's place was in the home.

Next week the Duchess of Kent will open an exhibition entitled "Women of 1937," organised by the Business and Professional Women's Club, that will show the world the progress made by business women since Blanche Glave pleaded with her father more than sixty years ago to allow her to enter his store.

In the eighteen-seventies Miss Glave shocked London society when she announced her intention of "going into trade." She shocked old Henry Glave still more by her new ideas and go-ahead methods.

For the first time she engaged women to buy, and to design women's departments, and she paid them unheard-of salaries. With the help of her sister, Florence, she built up, and eventually controlled, what was at that time one of London's biggest and most prosperous departmental stores.

★ In 1928 a small group of women who, not from any idealist feminist motives, but from sheer necessity, had entered the labour market and worked their way to the front, decided to form a club, on the lines of the Rotary Club, to help one another and any newcomers to the professions hitherto regarded as masculine strongholds.

For the past six years they have held an annual exhibition designed to show where women stand in science, art and industry.

A glance at the list of occupations represented by club members at this year's show, the club's most ambitious effort since its foundation, reveals that there remains practically no trade or profession of importance in which women have failed to win a place at the top.

Membership of the club is restricted to one representative of each trade or profession, and all the members are executives in their particular business.

Besides such jobs as weaving, pottery and catering, in which women might be expected to shine, there is an architect, a chartered accountant, an alpine plant collector now somewhere out in South America hunting specimens for the Royal Horticultural Society, an income-tax expert, a tea merchant, a fox farmer who has the distinction of being the first woman in England to breed foxes for fur, the managing director of a sandwich-board firm and a private detective.

The chairwoman of the club is a solicitor, and the organiser of the exhibition is an advertising consultant, the only woman member of the Incorporated Society of Advertising Consultants.

Maud West, London's lady detective, began her career more than thirty years ago, when her lawyer uncle gave her an assignment in Paris. She was only seventeen. Now she employs a staff of men and women detectives.

But she is not "an office detective." She herself goes out on cases, assuming when necessary a variety of disguises.

Miss J. K. Marchant is another woman who has made a success of an unusual job. In 1930 she took over from a man a small bill-distributing business. She began with three clients. She has built up the business until it is now one of the leading bill-distributing and sandwich-board firms in London, and her team of sandwichmen are recognised as the smartest and best-spoken in England.

The men, who all call her affectionately "the missus," will do anything for her because, as one of them said, she treats them "like human beings."

One of the most jealously guarded preserves of men was the City. But women have reached high positions in insurance and City circles, and there is one woman tea-taster on whose judgment and delicate palate an old-established firm in Mincing Lane purchases hundreds of tons of tea.

Miss Edith E. Clements, L.R.A.M., M.R.A.S., chairwoman of the "Women of 1937" Exhibition

To reach this position she has had to forgo the use of perfume or even scented soap during working hours, but she earns over £1,000 a year and loves her job.

Some members of the Business and Professional Women's Club have not been content to follow paths well trodden by men. They have innovated.

Miss Clements, for example, began by lecturing and voice-production. She then evolved a system of "movement with words," by which she has taught hundreds of children to overcome speech defects.

Notice that none of these women is a "feminist." They are not out to preach sex equality. All they demand is equality of pay for equal qualifications and equal work.

And most of those who have won through to executive posts now get it.

★ Only last week equality of pay was strongly urged by the National Council of Women at their annual meeting at Bournemouth.

One frequently hears outcries and remarks about "stealing a man's job" when the news appears about a woman's appointment to some highly remunerative post. But very often behind these appointments there is a tale of energy and initiative worthy of any man. Here is one such tale.

There was once a typist in a big industrial concern. The firm was on the verge of failure, and this typist, with the rest of the staff, was told to look for a job elsewhere. Instead of meekly accepting dismissal, the girl risked getting a bad reference by telling the manager a few of the things that, in her opinion, were wrong with the way the business was being run.

She made some suggestions. The manager, who was intelligent, gave her a hearing and passed her suggestions on to the directors. As a result of her intervention the firm struggled on. Instead of getting the sack, she was promoted, and made more suggestions.

Bit by bit she entirely reorganised that business and nursed it from ruin to prosperity. Today she is managing director with a five-figure salary. And with it all she has found time to marry and have three children.

But besides these women who have reached the plums in their professions, there are three and a half million insured women workers in England. The majority are still grossly underpaid, and in most branches of trade their only reward after years of work at less than thirty shillings a week is the sack if they get married.

And this system operates even if the woman's husband's wage is as low as her own and their combined wages would make the difference between poverty and a passable existence.

The outcries about women stealing men's jobs are defeating their own ends. The limitations still imposed on the majority of women engaged in what have become recognised as women's jobs because they are indispensable to industry are causing more and more enterprising young women to strike out into men's jobs, even those involving manual labour.

Just as there are hundreds of women who, having the good fortune to start off with a good education, have won recognition as doctors, lawyers, dentists and chemists, so there are now many young women not so fortunate who are earning a good living as bricklayers, wheelwrights, watchmakers, window-cleaners and electricians.

There are even women undertakers, steeplejacks, ocean-going ship's engineers and deep-sea divers.

The Women's Employment Federation, opened in London three years ago, now co-operates with no fewer than 211 organisations, including 15 universities, for the purpose of collecting and distributing accurate information about new careers for women and girls just leaving school.

In the vast majority of cases women are doing jobs for which employers would not pay a man's wage, and for which men could not be found. And in cases where they are doing a "man's job" it will generally be found that they have won it by hard work and ability, or created it for themselves.

★ Whatever our attitude towards this vexed question, the hard fact remains that the woman worker has come to stay in every sphere, if only for the reason that with her money she has become a vital economic factor. If only a quarter of Britain's women workers returned to "their place in the home," it would bring about the collapse of many industries, not only through lack of labour, but through the withdrawal of an immense sum from the nation's purchasing power.

The day when woman's place was in the home and marriage was her sole legitimate ambition has gone never to return, despite the bleatings of diehards and the bawlings of foreign dictators.

The demand for female labour increases every year. Already there is a shortage in many industries, and as years go on this shortage will become more acute.

Employers will soon be forced to capitulate to women workers' demands. One of their most pressing demands is that their wedding bells shall not be the death-knell of their careers. In many trades and professions employers have already given way.

Several progressive local authorities have already withdrawn their senseless ban on married women teachers. The others will soon be obliged to follow. The Civil Service alone remains adamant. But women will not long allow themselves to be tied down, even by Red Tape.

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SIX *Juvenile Court* SURPRISES

Mr. Walter E. Elliot, the Scottish Secretary, has a vital interest in five of these six cases. His work for the welfare of children is well known

SOON after the reopening of Parliament next week an influential group of M.P.s intend to ask the Prime Minister for time to allow them to get down in debate once and for all to the worsening scandal of the extraordinary differentiation in the treatment of children—particularly petty and first offenders—who have the misfortune in these days to come before the juvenile courts.

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The anxiety and interest of these M.P.s is inspired by the ever-increasing extent to which young persons are being ordered birchings for the paltriest misdemeanours, the vast numbers that are being removed from home control unnecessarily and being sent for indeterminate periods to institutions, and the extreme leniency with which far worse offenders are disposed of.

It is common for magistrates—acting undoubtedly in the best interests of the boys and girls concerned—to decide that a short spell of institutional training and discipline is the wisest course to adopt.

In most of these cases the justices have no intention whatever of making the youngsters long-term prisoners and they do not mean that the delinquents shall be taken out of their parents' custody for more than a year or less.

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Without exception, when children are sent to institutions supposed to benefit their mental health, they are kept in these places for years on end. It is a terrible weakness of the law that the authorities, without consulting the magistrates, have the power to prolong the period of detention practically indefinitely—even for life.

At the police court at Milverton, Warwickshire, the other day, an eighteen-year-old girl was charged with absconding from an institution to which she had been committed by the Nuneaton magistrates in the early part of this year.

This girl and her parents asserted that they had been given to understand when the order was made that she would not be kept longer than six months in the institution.

At the end of that time they learned that it was the intention of the authorities to hold her for not less than three years!

A representative of the institution was present in court and was asked for an explanation.

An astounding one was given. "Oh!" was the reply, "they tell them (parents and children) some funny things at police courts."

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Funny! Would the Lord Chief Justice regard it as comical if he imposed a sentence of six months and found that some lowly officials had altered it so that the person would be a prisoner for three years or longer?

Such is the law, however, that the Milverton justices had no choice but to order this poor girl—who ran away for no other reason than that her sentence had expired—should be taken back into captivity.

Nothing has more astonished the M.P.s who have been gathering information about the handling of young delinquents than the inexplicable disparities in the nature of the punishments inflicted on them.

This has probably never been better typified or crystallised than a few days ago in one small area of Scotland where five young persons were charged on the same day at three different police courts.

First, at Kilmarnock, a young hooligan of fifteen was brought up on a charge of viciously assaulting a six-year-old girl.

He threw her to the ground, seized her by the throat, dashed her head against a stone wall and then forcibly stuffed the little one's mouth with soot.

The child was seriously injured and the outrage had the aspect of having been committed by someone who was mentally deranged.

Her young assailant was put on probation!

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Next, at Hamilton, on the same day, appeared a boy who stole two bicycles for the purpose of pawning them, whose thefts revealed great cunning and deliberation, and who had, admittedly, got beyond parental control.

He also was put on probation.

The next three cases were happening at the not far distant town of Falkirk at the same hour.

In one, a boy of thirteen was accused of an amazing series of breaking-in offences and of the wholesale theft of money, foodstuffs, tobacco, watches, knives and miscellaneous goods. He was caught in the early morning on the roof of a building which he had raided.

Sentence—an admonition!

There followed him into the dock another boy who was found guilty of entering a telephone kiosk, pressing the emergency button, shouting into the mouthpiece, and "so causing annoyance to the operator."

He was ordered to receive six strokes of the birch.

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At the same sitting of the court another thirteen-year-old boy was dealt with for stealing five apples from a garden.

He was practically caught in the act. The apples were recovered. He did not have time even to take a bite out of one of them.

His was the least and most naturally boyish offence of all those mentioned. Yet he has had to suffer terribly.

He was ordered to be soundly birched—a stroke of the flail to be administered on his little body for each apple he had taken!

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Very alarming, as testified by these six examples in one week, is the unsoundness of the system by which punishments are so indiscriminately administered.

The forthcoming Parliamentary enquiry is soundly justified.

Queer Twins of Motoring

LEADERS of the motor industry, now gathered in London for the great annual show, have been discussing widely the activities of the Institution of Motor Engineers.

This Institution has been engaged recently on an active canvass for members throughout the country.

Garage proprietors and car selling agents everywhere have received invitations to join the Institution—payment of fees being, of course, the first necessity to that desirable attainment.

The Institution of Motor Engineers pretends to be highly technical and all that. It says it holds examinations, and grants diplomas to Fellows, Members and Associates.

Lord Kenilworth, new president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders

From a circular letter of the Institution we learn that: "As you are no doubt aware, the Diploma issued by this body is now accepted as a qualification and guide to the standing of a great number of motor engineers of Great Britain."

In certain instances—five years' experience of the trade, and being over twenty-five years of age—the Institution is graciously pleased to waive the necessity of entrance examination and to grant the full privileges of its label to approved persons—that is to say, to persons who pay the fees.

Those who join the Institution (on payment of fees) have the advantage — for what it is worth—of putting letters after their names and displaying the sign of the Institution on business premises and letter-paper.

This brings the general public into the matter, for the ordinary motorist may well be deceived into thinking that membership of the Institution of Motor Engineers means some kind of professional qualification and distinction.

It means nothing of the kind. The Institution of Motor Engineers is a blatant, one-man, fee-snatching concern.

Recognised organisations of the industry—the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the Institution of Automobile Engineers and the Institute of the Motor Trade—condemn the "Institution" as an outrageous imposition on the gullible motor dealer and garage owner and on the general public.

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The founder and present sole owner of the Institution is a man of the name of Robert Willie Gorman, with an address in St. Stephen's Square, London, W.2. He has also an office for the receipt of letters in Cursitor Street, Chancery Lane.

On the letter-paper of the Institution Gorman is described as "Director of Admissions."

Money that is paid to the Institution goes towards the upkeep of Mr. Robert W. Gorman.

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Now Mr. Gorman has a rival in the field. There is, strangely enough, another Institution of Motor Engineers, with offices in Welbeck Place, Nottingham.

Really, it is a little difficult to understand which Institution is which. They both sell diplomas; use the same kind of literature, and have crests which are practically identical.

But each Institution disavows the other.

At Nottingham, the principals are Hugh Thornton, who describes himself as chairman, and Charles Hodge, the secretary.

Some months ago these two men were convicted at Manchester Assizes on charges of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the Commercial Engineering Company, Ltd., of Nelson, Lancashire.

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Charles Hodge, having served his punishment, has lately returned to Nottingham to carry on his Institution. Hugh Thornton is still in prison.

Enough has been said to show that both these twin Institutions of Motor Engineers are unworthy of any support. They have no backing whatever in the motor industry or anywhere else. The pretensions they make are fictitious.

A subscription to either Institution means simply a subsidy to Robert W. Gorman or Hodge.

Whether either of them is worth the money depends on the credulity and faith of the individual subscriber.

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It is the workhouse.

Council *out for* Plunder

FROM end to end of Britain there is coming to JOHN BULL daily now almost incredible reports of inhuman acts being committed against homeless people in the name of slum clearance and municipal development.

Such open and legalised plunder has never before been known.

From scores of cases made known to us this week let one be related as representative of the tragic details of all the others.

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In a small but pleasant four-roomed house in Johnson Street, Southampton, lives a Mr. and Mrs. Henry Judd, both old and both invalids.

With them lives the bedridden father of Mrs. Judd. He is eighty-five years of age.

Their home is about to be taken from them. So far it has been their own freehold property. But—although it is in splendid condition—it is to be demolished by order of the local council.

The Southampton Corporation is not content with taking house and home from these aged people.

Having confiscated it for a scheme of supposed improvement, the council has appointed itself landlord of the dwelling and has ordered the Judd family to pay at a rent of eight shillings a week for the privilege of occupying their own house until it is razed to the ground!

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Civic impudence and robbery, it may be thought, can never have reached such an astounding limit as this. But the Judds are in no worse plight than countless other people to-day almost everywhere in the land.

So amazing are the Acts governing town planning that property can be legally and forcibly seized and the owners held to ransom so long as they continue to occupy it.

The house in Johnson Street, Southampton, was gifted to the Judds by a relative so that they could live in comfortable surroundings for the rest of their lives and give shelter to the old and helpless father of Mrs. Judd.

The home has been condemned and appropriated for the usual technical reason that it is "unfit for habitation." This loophole in the law provides an easy legal excuse for local authorities when they set out on the wholesale plunder of property.

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In this case, as in most others, it is no more than an excuse.

From floor to ceiling the Judds' home is in excellent condition. The rooms are light and airy and well ventilated. Only recently, with borrowed money, Mr. Judd put the dwelling into such a first-class state of repair that it is now unquestionably in better state than many houses built only a year or two ago.

Of course, the rich Southampton Corporation has offered alternative accommodation to these three old and invalid folk. The offer is a mockery.

Their income is not more than twenty-five shillings a week and they would be required to give nearly half of that amount to the council in rent for any new house available to them.

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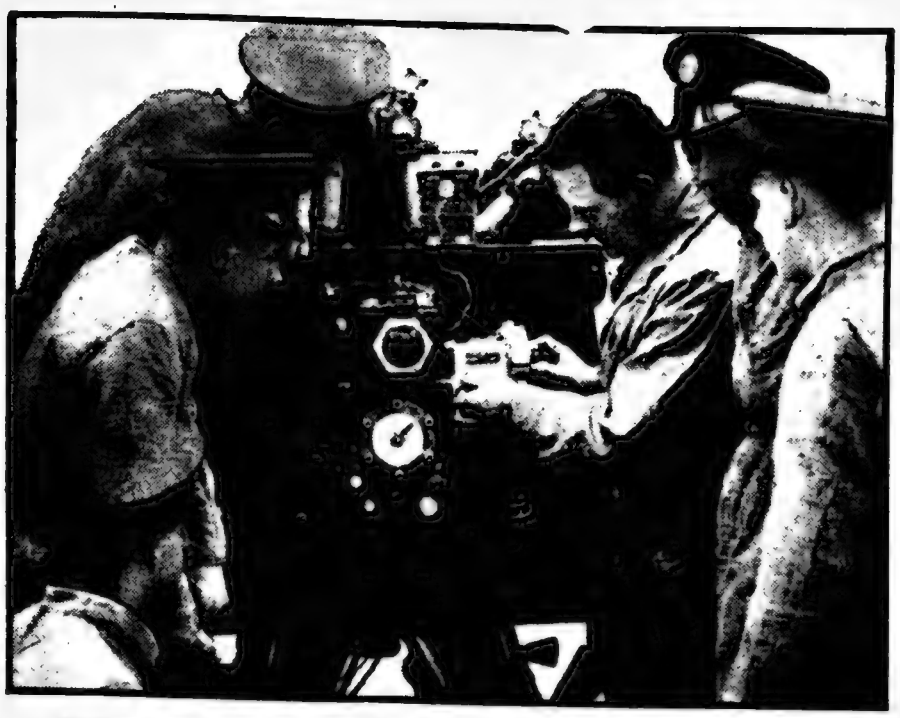
Not only denied compensation so far for the house which is their own, but required to pay rent for it and presented with an impossible offer of a home elsewhere, they have now only one other choice.

It is the workhouse.



The finest type of youth is now being easily obtained by the R.A.F. for training in the country's defence. They should have the assurance that dependants will be provided for if disaster befalls

GRAVE BLOTS *on the* R.A.F.

POIGNANT in its message and intensity of feeling was a letter which came to JOHN BULL one day this week from an airman at one of the great military flying depots.

He wrote it after he had just returned from attending an auction sale of some dead comrades' personal belongings—young fellows whose names have been added recently to the melancholy roll of victims of Royal Air Force accidents.

The prices fetched at the sale, he mentioned, were fantastically high. Yet the real value of the articles offered was almost negligible.

Then he gave the reason.

It is that the men of the flying service are acutely aware that when any of their number are killed, the chances are remote that their wives or mothers will ever get any compensation or allowance from the Air Ministry.

So the dependants have to be succoured in the first instance by the charity of the comrades of the dead.

If evidence is needed of the unfortunate attitude of the Air Ministry towards the bereaved dependants of the men and boys who are killed, let the case of Leading Aircraftsman Fred East, of 503 Bomber Squadron, Waddington, Lincolnshire, be cited.

East has been killed in an air crash in disturbing circumstances. There was, somehow, a shortage of petrol in the machine, which, on taking off, reached a height of only 500 feet.

East's father died in the Great War when he was a three months old baby.

The mother, who lives at Newport, Lincoln, sacrificed everything for the boy so that he should be well educated and trained as a skilled engineer. In a few more weeks he would have been twenty-one and at the end of his apprenticeship.

For nearly two years East had been a voluntary airman in the ranks of the Auxiliary Air Force, training and qualifying as a leading aircraftsman at week-end and summer camps.

Then the crash and death.

The youth's mother had been dependent on him to some extent latterly in his career and was, in her circumstances, likely to be more so in the next few years.

But the Air Ministry refuses to grant her any compensation or allowance.

All they have conceded is the price of a pauper's funeral for her son—and even that was only forthcoming on the appeal of a Member of Parliament.

Even worse.

The Air Ministry has been settling up the dead lad's account. It was found that £3 was owing to him for pay.

Even that small sum has not been paid over to the mother.

The Royal Air Force has deducted 5s. 7d. from it—to pay for some small articles which were found to be missing from East's regulation kit after he was killed

Leading Aircraftsman Fred East

To the air service of Britain this woman gave her only boy. She is denied recompense either for the loss of him or the support he gave her.

Now the Air Ministry claims 5s. 7d. from her because his kit was not complete when he gave his life while training for his country's defence.

The shame of it.

Shattered Worker's Martyrdom

THERE is now little doubt that, forced by popular opinion to do something, the present Government intends to introduce legislation for the amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Acts before its period of office expires.

But it is known already that there is one aspect of the existing Acts which the Cabinet, at the behest of big industrialists, does not intend to alter.

This is the legal device by which so many employers are rid of the liability for broken workers when they are certified to be "fit for light employment."

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Very seldom do these incapacitated workpeople ever get any kind of future employment with their former employers. In fact, most of them are immediately blacklisted and they never get any chance of earning a livelihood again in their own trades or occupations.

No more vivid illustration of this tragedy and scandal could be given than in the recent experiences of Mr. James Blackburn, of Latham Street, St. Helens, Lancs.

After six miserable years of continuous unemployment, this man obtained work on the site for a new munitions factory.

One day recently, Blackburn was ordered to "scotch" a set of wagons which were running downhill.

Owing to the speed of the wagons on a very steep bank, he was unable to jump clear in time and the iron bar which he had to thrust into the wheels whizzed round and smashed his head and jaw.

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For more than a week he was unconscious in hospital with a compound fracture of the jaw, a suspected fracture of the base of the skull, wounds behind the ear and beneath the chin and severe lacerations of his arms and legs.

Blackburn suffered terrible agonies and, even after seven weeks' hospital treatment and a series of operations, his condition is still serious.

He cannot eat any solid food or speak properly, because it is impossible for him to open his mouth or to move his jaws. He has been disfigured for life. Most of his teeth were knocked out and no dentist can deal with his case because he cannot open his mouth.

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The poor man cannot yawn. He is afraid to smile—afraid to move any muscle of his face lest his jaw should splinter again.

Yet he has now been told that he is "fit for light employment."

If even the lightest work becomes available to him, it will only be at some place a considerable distance from his home.

He is not fit for any kind of labour. And how is it expected that he will fare even if he obtains it?

All food he can take has to be prepared for him in liquid form. That could not possibly be done in his circumstances if he was in a job away from home. In any case, even if it could be done, it would not be sufficient to keep him in any proper physical condition for work.

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It is absurd and unjust that a man so damaged in health and body should be compelled to find other employment elsewhere—away from his home and wife—at the price of having to forfeit the small amount of compensation at present being paid to him.

Blackburn's case, however, is by no means exceptional.

It is a general example of tens of thousands that happen in Britain every year to disgrace the law that so easily countenances such suffering and distress by depriving the victims of industrial accidents of proper compensation

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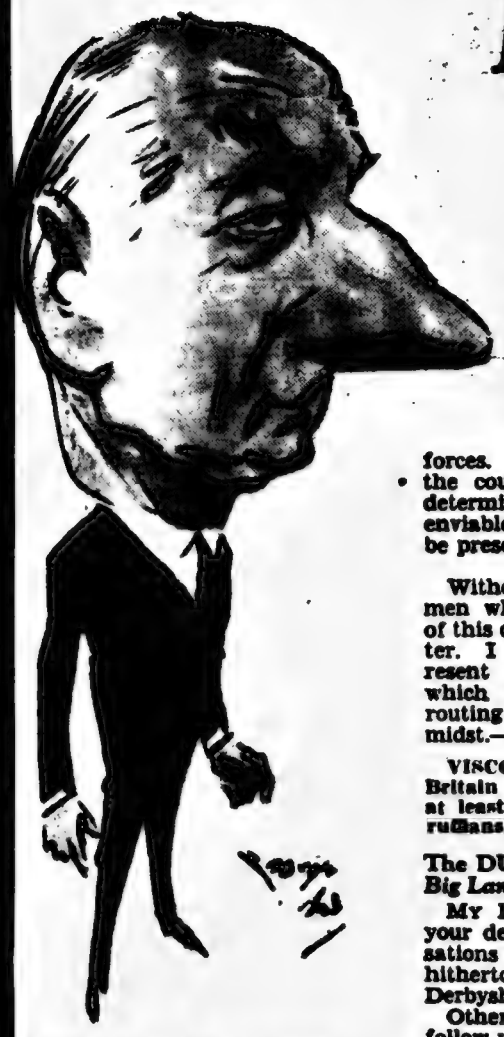

You must safeguard the policeman's reputation

DEAR SIR SAMUEL HOARE,—It would be calamitous if the public should begin to lose any of its abounding faith in the integrity of the police.

I do not suggest there is any real danger at the moment of this confidence being shaken. What causes me anxiety is that recently there have been far too many police officers appearing on the wrong side of the law.

And there has been a crop of allegations which, although unjust and groundless in many instances, are ingrained to leave a nasty taste behind.

You, Sir Samuel, have demonstrated that you do not intend to shrink before the problems of your job as Home Secretary—but intend to probe them deeply and find out things for yourself.

I urge you then to take immediate steps to discover what can be done to tighten up police routine, not only in London—where a very rigorous rein is held by Sir Philip Game—but also in the big provincial towns.

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You must be aware that suspicion is being bred in the public mind by the knowledge of there being "black sheep" in police uniform.

I feel entitled to ask how suspicion can be allayed in face of the distressing reports of dismissals, reductions, and enforced resignations.

A: At least one officer has left the London City Police in recent months after bribery charges had been levelled against him. Several in other forces have been reduced for the same reason.

A: At the moment between twenty and thirty officers attached to two Metropolitan divisions are under suspicion of improperly consorting with bookmakers. Two others have been suspended for alleged irregularities in connection with their work of issuing taxi-cab licences.

But there are more ugly facts than these to be faced. There are cases where long-serving men both in the Metropolitan and provincial forces have been dismissed for offences ranging from theft to systematic housebreaking.

All very disquieting, isn't it? Still more disturbing when we recall what some magistrates have had to say lately about their experience showing that officers "sometimes invent evidence."

It cannot be denied that emptying out the back-sliders enhances rather than tarnishes the reputation of our police forces. Yet, recent cases up and down the country make it clear that some determined action is necessary if the enviable integrity of our policemen is to be preserved.

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Without a doubt, the majority of the men who form the great police forces of this country are of the highest character. I am confident they would not resent any enquiry, however drastic, which has for its chief purpose the routing out of the black sheep in their midst.—JOHN BULL.

VISCOUNT SWINTON (Air Minister): If Britain can't be world's policeman, might at least shine "light" on international ruffians.—JOHN BULL.

The DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,
Big Landowner

MY LORD DUKE,—Congratulations on your decision to allow *bona-fide* organisations some measure of access to the hitherto restricted grouse moors of Derbyshire.

Other landowners would do well to follow your example.

As I pointed out last week, there is growing resentment among many who find themselves barred from their native hills.

Perhaps you will extend the idea to your Yorkshire estates? Complaints reach me of harmless walkers being turned off your Bolton Abbey moors.—JOHN BULL.

Dr. CYRIL GARBETT,
Bishop of Winchester

DEAR BISHOP,—Nowadays Death rides on wheels. Like yourself I am dismayed by the apparent indifference to the appalling loss of life and limb on the roads.

During September 583 people were killed. Since the war 98,000 have been killed, and over 2,700,000 injured.

Appalling! It's horrifying.

If the public would try to realise the heartbreak in the homes where bread-winners and other loved ones have been killed or maimed there would be an angry outcry against this continued slaughter on the roads.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. W. S. MORRISON,
Minister of Agriculture

DEAR SIR,—So many of the Government's schemes to help farmers have in reality merely been schemes to help the land-owning peers and squires that the snag in the new "fertility" scheme does not come as any surprise.

Lime and basic slag are being supplied at subsidised prices so that land now under grass can be ploughed up and sown with corn.

Just see what happens then.

The landowners are already preparing to step in and raise the farmer's rent as soon as he changes over to corn, on the ground that corn is a more remunerative crop and he can afford to pay more for the land. Can you beat it?—JOHN BULL.

Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL: Do you think showering praises on Government will lead to you reigning in Cabinet?—JOHN BULL.

Mr. TED WILLIAMS,
M.P. for Ogmore, Glam.

DEAR SIR,—Keep hammering away for the engagement of local unemployed men on the new Bridgend Ammunition Works.

It is right that there should be intense discontent when an excessive amount of labour is being imported into the distressed areas of mid-Glamorgan, where so many men there are hungering for a job.—JOHN BULL.

Lord HEWART,
Lord Chief Justice

MY LORD,—It is heartening to have such a notable ally as yourself in my long-standing campaign against blundering lay magistrates.

Your condemnation of the decision of the Nailsworth (Glos) bench to dismiss an information by an inspector against mill-owners alleging that they had not fenced dangerous shafting is more than welcome.

Already there are sufficient loopholes in the Factory Act without incompetent magistrates creating the mischief which so often arises when they ignore hard-and-fast rules which the Act imposes.

Reform of the system which tolerates the blundering on the benches is long overdue.—JOHN BULL.

BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD: Glad you think dictators sit on volcanoes. Would welcome more eruptions.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. E. G. HEMMERDE, K.C.,
Recorder of Liverpool

DEAR MR. HEMMERDE,—A man who would rob his mother of her life savings of £750 and spend all but £14 on gambling is a scoundrel on whom sympathy would be wasted.

In sentencing William Henry Edward Pearson, of Walton, to twelve months' hard labour for this crime you did well, no matter how difficult it might have been to ignore even his distressed mother's plea for leniency.

Prison is almost too good a place for such a plunderer.—JOHN BULL.

Viscount ELMLEY,
M.P. for Norfolk, E.

MY LORD,—I pity the "poor fish" so consumed with their own importance who won't eat herrings because they are cheap food.

Now we have it on the authority of the Queen herself that she and the King are great believers in herrings, maybe the super-snobs will tumble over themselves to follow the royal example.

Personally, I would be better pleased to see the Government pushing forward more earnestly with schemes to give our fishermen a leg-up as well as the herrings.—JOHN BULL.

Sentence of the Court

Beer from the Air

REVEALING no signs of wear and tear after a night in the cells and several days on the carpet, Sir John Reith and Sir Edgar Sanders employed the tongues of Caledonia and Yorkshire respectively to plead "Not guilty" to charges of disorderly conduct.

★ Mr. Strawsplitter, who prosecuted, said that the case was a particularly sad one owing to the social status of the two malefactors. Sir John occupied the exalted position of Director-General of the British Broadcasting Corporation, which placed him practically on an equality with the ruler of a totalitarian State.

Sir Edgar had also been a worthy servant of the public, having once held office as clerk to the Liverpool justices. But he had gradually descended in the social scale until he was now Director of the Brewers' Society.

This last fact should have warned the accused Reith of the danger of associating with Sanders. But instead of giving him a wide berth Sir John had given him a deplorably wide latitude, permitting him to corrupt the morals of radio users by explaining to them the historical origin of the XXX mark on beer barrels.

This outrage upon the susceptibilities of sober citizens was perpetrated in the course of the "X" edition of B.B.C.'s A B C programme, and it would doubtless be urged that booze was the only subject that suggested itself under the letter "X."

★ It would have been quite easy to have substituted an informative discourse on the much less sinister X used to mark the spot where the body was found, or to have arranged a lecture on the Xtasy induced at well-conducted festive gatherings by the drinking of ginger-pop and similarly harmless and sustaining beverages.

"Yet not content with advertising alcohol, under the pretext of providing listeners with information of historical interest," concluded Mr. Strawsplitter, "the B.B.C. had the effrontery to end the talk to the strains of a loathsome ditty entitled 'Beer, Glorious Beer.' Needless to say, there have been protests from right-thinking people and the matter is to be raised in Parliament."

Mr. Watchdog, K.C., for the defence, pointed out that although numerous witnesses had testified that they were shocked by what they had heard, they had had to admit under cross-examination that they had not heard even a solitary hiccup during the entire broadcast.

After his learned friend's perfervid opening address, he (Mr. Watchdog) had been fully prepared to listen to a story of a couple of very wet knights out. But apparently all that had happened was that the B.B.C. had broadcast an eminently sober and informative address on a subject (if he might say so) XXXciting general interest.

Mr. Justice Bull said there seemed to be an impression in some quarters that as long as the word "beer" was not mentioned on the air nobody would ever get to hear of its existence—a theory which, fortunately for the revenue, was utterly preposterous.

No less preposterous was what appeared to be the twin theory that if any potion stronger than lemonade found its way into the microphone large numbers of hitherto sober listeners would feel tempted to indulge in orgies of intoxication.

Without leaving the box, the jury found both prisoners "Not guilty," adding a rider to the effect that, as Britain's chief entertainer, Sir John was, if anything, too dashed sober!

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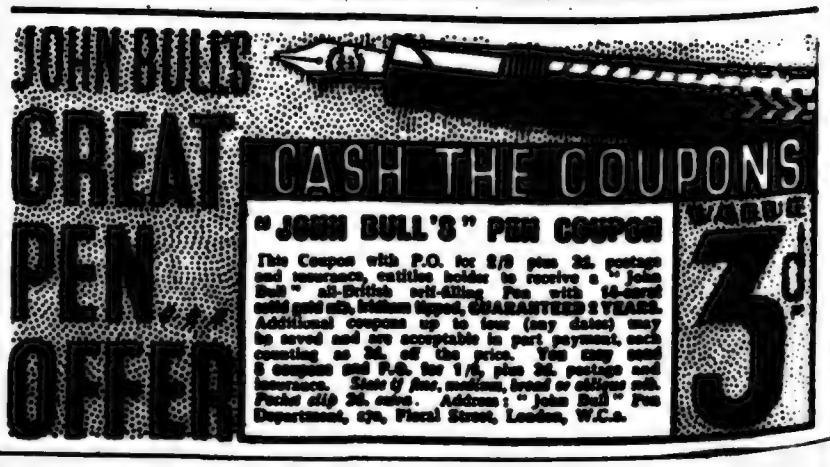

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A. G. GARDINER

HIS latest gift of £1,300,000 to Oxford University brings the total of Lord Nuffield's benefactions to the nation to something over £10,000,000. There is no parallel to such regal munificence in this country, though America, with its Rockefellers, Carnegies and Harknesses has long had experience of it.

Lord Nuffield is anticipating the death duties. He is spending his vast wealth in his lifetime instead of leaving the State to spend it for him when he is no longer with us.

"I have made the money," he says in effect, "and I am going to spend it for causes that appeal to me instead of leaving it to the State to use it for other purposes."

It is an intelligible point of view, and if applied with wisdom it is thoroughly sound. What the public lose on the swings (*i.e.*, taxation) they gain on the roundabouts (*i.e.*, these monumental benefactions).

And the gain is immediate: there is no waiting for the windfalls of death. In the case of Lord Nuffield, as in the case of Rockefeller, the gifts have certainly been made with great public spirit and humanity.

They have been directed mainly to the most universal of all interests, the physical well-being of the nation. In selecting the healing art as the chief object of his generosity he has put his finger on one of the weakest places in our national armoury.

In saying this I do not wish to depreciate the services of the medical profession.

There is no profession to which the public owe more—perhaps none to which it owes so much. In the revolution which has taken place in surgical science in the past half-century this country has played an illustrious part, and though the advance in medicine has not kept pace with the advance in surgery, our mortality returns bear witness to remarkable progress in the treatment of disease.

Here is one example: Fifty years ago there were 174 deaths from typhoid fever against every four of such deaths to-day. In a word, we have conquered one of the greatest enemies of mankind.

So with cholera, plague, smallpox, malaria, typhus. They were once names of terror. They are so no longer. They have practically disappeared from our mortality records.

All this is not wholly due to the medical profession. Sanitation, more hygienic habits of life, better feeding, less drinking, greater care of the children and other factors have had their part in these victories over disease and death.

But it would be ungracious and unjust to deny the large share which the medical profession has had in putting the health of the people on a sounder foundation and in adding many years to the expectation of life which each one of us has.

This acknowledgment made, it remains true that the medical service of the country is lamentably deficient and often lamentably inefficient. In his recently much-discussed novel, Dr. Cronin has levelled a most formidable indictment against that service, and, making every allowance for the over-emphasis permitted to fiction, there is every reason to think that that indictment is substantially true.

That that is the case is admitted by some of the most eminent physicians themselves.

"I believe that the organisation of medical services on a much greater scale than ever before is not only imminent, but absolutely necessary on all grounds — those of efficiency and economy," said Sir R. Farquhar Buzzard, Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford, a few weeks ago.

Defects in the system, or lack of system, pervade every phase of the service. They begin in the vital matter of training.

In a striking article by a member of the Faculty which appeared recently in a daily paper, the education of the medical student was subjected to the severest examination and criticism.

In his preclinical years, it was said, his instruction is confined to the abstract theories of medicine expounded by teachers who for the most part have had no experience of practical work.

Then, in the later phase of his education when he should learn to apply his book knowledge, he is sent to hospitals, where his experience is limited to the more exceptional and advanced forms of disease or disablement, having little relation to the common ailments with which, as a general practitioner in town or country, he will be mainly called upon to deal.

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The result is that he is sent out unfledged into the world, with valuable theoretical knowledge, it may be, but with everything to learn for himself about the practical job of healing which forms 90 per cent. of his work.

Various remedies for this inadequate training are suggested. The medical faculty at Glasgow want to lengthen the post-graduate course and have stiffened the final examinations, with the result that almost 60 per cent. of the students failed to get through last month.

Everyone will agree that the standard of equipment should be severe; but Sir Cuthbert Wallace comes nearer the point raised in the article when he stresses the need for medical students to mix more with other faculties.

The training is too exclusive. Men come straight from school and enter a medical school only to rub shoulders with none but men who are also studying medicine.

How much better would it be for the individual, said Sir Cuthbert, if faculties were enlarged and thrown open to those from other faculties as well.

Another vice of the training system is referred to by Dr. Brooks. It is that in this highly industrialised country doctors have not been trained to deal with industrial hygiene and medicine.

Some attempt is now being made to remedy this grave deficiency by the opening of a new department at Birmingham University which aims at research and the teaching of industrial medicine to medical men.

When we pass from training to the medical system at work throughout the country we are faced with a confusion and lack of organisation that baffles description.

In the sweeping reform that Sir Farquhar Buzzard foresees the hospital must become a centre of real health service. It must extend its field of action outside its walls and be given great executive powers. The outside general practitioner must be brought into organic relationship with it.

There must be an all-round increase in staffs, so that the chief enemy of good medicine, the necessity of working against time, is overcome. For the doctor in a hurry is a menace to his patient.

What is the root lesson that emerges from all this? It is that the service charged with the greatest responsibility in the social and industrial life of the nation calls urgently for a root-and-branch reform.

That reform cannot be effected on the present lines, no matter how magnificently Lord Nuffield spends his millions in promoting it. We are grateful to him for his splendid example.

But voluntaryism alone cannot solve this great problem. The health of the nation is the first asset of the nation.

We dimly recognised this when a quarter of a century ago we established national health insurance for the worker.

That is the key to the problem of the nation's health. We must tackle that problem, as we tackle any other phase of national defence, by State action.

The Human Machine

A Serious Matter

HAVE you ever thought how much we are dependent in our everyday life on honesty in work? Cleverness can make life easy. Skill can make life comfortable. But what makes life safe is something to which we rarely give so much as a passing thought—the ability of ordinary men and women to put honesty into their work, to give of their best all day and every day.

Every time we ride in a motor-car we trust our lives, not only to the skill of the driver but to every workman who has had a hand in its construction and every mechanic who has a hand in its repair. We are at the mercy of the men who welded the steel, who screwed up the nuts, who made the tyres and adjusted the mechanism.

Every time we ride in a train we are putting our lives in the hands of our ordinary fellow workmen—the mechanics, the platelayers, the signalmen and the train's crew.

It is the same with everything we eat and drink. Every day and all day we cheerfully trust ourselves to our belief that work is done honestly and faithfully and well.

And so what, as the Americans say? Well, in case you haven't thought of it before, someone is trusting his life to his belief in your ability to be honest in your work, just as you are trusting yours.

It's rather a solemn thought, you know. It requires a tremendous load of responsibility.

It might be as well just to think it over and see if you are as honest in your work as you expect other people to be in theirs.

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SINISTER *Colleges of* CRIME

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"FAGIN" became one of the most hated expressions in the language just one hundred years ago. Here was the rogue who taught the young to steal, who sent innocent Oliver Twist into the streets to pilfer.

Ever since, Fagin has been synonymous with the professional rascal who persuades youth to commit crime in order to profit from their dishonesty and escape the consequences himself.

Dickens created Fagin to draw the attention of the great public to a menacing evil in its midst. But Fagin survives in these days in many forms, even more menacing, a greater blackguard than ever.

At Scotland Yard and at police headquarters in big centres such as Liverpool, Sheffield, Glasgow, Birmingham, and Swansea, the authorities are greatly alarmed at the growth of juvenile crime.

And it is largely due to the activities of the modern "Fagin."

In 1935, the last year for which official statistics are available, 13,248 boys *under fourteen* were found guilty of indictable offences. The total was the biggest for six years, and nearly four times more than in 1925.

Master-crooks

It is true that many of the offenders drifted into the underworld of crime by reason of inherited criminal instinct or natural bent. But a big proportion turned to crime solely under the influence of master-crooks who find it both easy and profitable to "work" through youthful puppets.

These gentry know, when young offenders are caught, that lenient treatment is handed out by magistrates in ninety cases out of a hundred; whereas, if they committed the thefts and frauds themselves, heavy sentences would be incurred.

Recent police investigations have supplied the Home Office with such startling facts and figures in this respect that special measures are to be undertaken to rid society of a recurrence of an old menace.

Several organised gangs which are dominated by master rogues have come under close scrutiny, and steps are being taken to bring their ringleaders to the dock.

A fifteen-year-old boy, whose name we are not publishing for obvious reasons, was some time ago arrested by the police on a charge of stealing motor-cars and driving them to a secret rendezvous in North London. On arrest, the boy was truculent at first, and refused to give any information about himself or his associates. He was remanded in custody for a week.

During that time, police officers found he was a member of a gang of young thieves numbering about twenty in all.

"Flying Squad" tour

Their wisdom prevailed, and he agreed to make a statement. He admitted he had been stealing cars, and breaking into buildings and warehouses, with other lads, for several months, and disposing of the proceeds through associates to a certain receiver.

He did not know much about him, except that he paid well for certain classes of goods in which he and his boy friends had been specialising.

Scotland Yard found the boy's statement very instructive. It confirmed suspicions held in regard to several other cases of a similar kind. In consequence, more youths were interrogated, and more information came to hand.

It was subsequently decided to adopt a novel means of bringing the real rogues to justice. The boy, accompanied by two or three police officers, was taken in a Flying Squad car on a pre-arranged trip through London.

Chief Constable Horwell, of the "Big Five," specially selected his men, so they would not be recognised by known crooks. Entertainment halls, greyhound racing tracks, market places and various other haunts were visited.

The first journey was not very eventful, and it was repeated on subsequent afternoons and evenings. Eventually the boy was able to point out three men who had given him instructions in the course of his criminal activities.

Observation has since been kept upon them, and they have been found to be associates of other men who are "recorded" receivers of stolen property, two of whom were actually on bail at the time awaiting trial at the Old Bailey on other charges!

The lad's confession not only helped him to get off lightly, but has led to the arrest of other boys, whose ages range from twelve to eighteen, and who were all acting as hirelings for the same band of "Fagin" criminals.

A few months ago a youth was taken into custody and charged with entering three different houses and stealing various articles of property, including jewellery, wireless sets and cheque-books. He was likewise remanded after refusing to say anything, and, similarly, was prevailed on in the end to make a statement.

Leader arrested

He admitted that, in a period of eight months, he had been involved—with others, of course—in sixty-seven different crimes, mostly burglaries.

Again police enquiries were most successful, and—*the same receivers, and some of their known associates, were found to be concerned!*

Careful detective work, based on months of investigation into earlier cases, and aided considerably by facts supplied by this particular youth, led, in this case, to the arrest of one of the leading ruffians.

His name is William John Farrell, so-called "Engineer," of Granville Road, Kilburn. Skeleton keys, all kinds of implements of theft, several jemmies, and a mixed assortment of property valued at hundreds of pounds, were found on his premises.

While he was on remand in Brixton jail information was forthcoming to prove that he had been a member of a "Fagin" organisation for several years.

For some time to come Farrell will have to employ his undoubted talents in the interests of the State, whose guest he will be for the next 18 months at least.

There is an old truism: "If there were no 'receivers' there would be no thieves." Curiously enough, nearly all these modern "Fagins" are "receivers." Ninety-five per cent. of them, although "known" to the police, never get into the dock.

This is due to the fact that the crime of "receiving" is one of the hardest for the police to bring home; fewer convictions are obtained where "receiving" is concerned than in any other form of crime.

Associated with some of the catspaw youths in the underworld is a super-rogue who, though his real name is one consisting of four letters, has been for several years registered in the criminal records at Scotland Yard as "the Islington Fence."

A most dangerous and wealthy crook, he has been associated with the training of young thieves since the days, just after the war, when a youth was charged at North London Police Court with stealing a camera and other articles from a chemist's shop.

The boy, who was sent to Borstal and is now a confirmed lawbreaker with two terms of penal servitude behind him, did not "split" on the master, who is now the owner of two garages, runs a general warehouse in the East End, has many other interests, and is believed to be worth twenty to thirty thousand pounds.

In his early days the "Islington Fence" used to interview his "pupils" and associates at various public-houses in North London. Nowadays, he meets them at different haunts in the West End, or sometimes quite openly at his own house.

Evidence recently reached Scotland Yard detectives about the use of certain establishments in different parts of London as miniature "crime schools." The venue is always decided upon at the last moment, and the same establishment is not used too frequently.

But several young thieves are called together at one or other of them to receive from "tutors" specific instructions in the art of burglary, theft, and so on.

Provincial "Fagins"

A criminal who is now in prison has actually made a statement in which he declares that he was not only taught how to steal at one of these haunts, but shown how to treat his fingers with a certain acid substance which rendered the leaving of finger-prints practically impossible.

Since January of this year experts have made reports for the consideration of the Home Office which contain information that in *hundreds of cases* (where youths have been brought to book for crime exploits of one kind or another) master-criminals of the "Fagin" type have been definitely behind the scenes but have escaped.

Nor, as we said at the outset, must London be singled out in this grave menace. "Fagins" are operating in most of the big towns. At Birmingham a short time ago nearly 200 thefts were investigated by the police and found to be the work of one gang. Several youths are now in jail, or in welfare or remand institutions; but, with one exception, the prime movers—the modern "Fagins"—are still at large.

The Birmingham exception is George Bird, an admitted leader of a crime organisation known to the police as the "Sparkbrook Gang."

Sufficient evidence was obtained to land him in jail, but others—one a man who encouraged his own son to bring home stolen property—have so far gone free.

Burglary, theft, warehouse-breaking, and the more forceful types of crime play the greatest part in these "Fagin" conspiracies. There are also many super-thieves who run crime organisations of youth to promote shoplifting exploits.

There is one well-known woman "fence" in London who is able to run a big mansion in Mayfair, in which she lives in very comfortable surroundings. She has three expensive cars, throws big cocktail parties every fortnight, and does it all on the proceeds of shoplifting successes which are brought off by a small army of young women who work under her instructions.

At times she has been known to control as many as forty girls, and, though occasionally some of her agents have been sent to short terms of imprisonment when caught, she has never been given away. She looks after them well—so well, in fact, that when Scotland Yard detectives recently questioned a number of them in the hope of securing evidence to justify action being taken against her as a "receiver," they were turned down everywhere!

It is known that this super-woman crook actually runs, through a nominee, one establishment in the West End in which much of the stolen property she receives is sold openly!

With "Fagins" working their conspiracies so cleverly, and luring young people of both sexes into crime on such an extensive scale, the general public now faces a menace which is even more pernicious than when Dickens scandalised an unthinking world by his revelations in "Oliver Twist."

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It would be fine if glamour were something you could spend or eat, or give to a wife as housekeeping allowance. That would make airmen very rich people.

Handicapped

But it is proving a perpetual handicap to the air pilots of Britain. They have made up their minds to say good-bye to this adulation, knowing that some of the smaller operating companies regard "the glory of the thing" as part of a flying man's salary.

That is why they are rushing forward to join that new trade union of which you have been reading — the British Air Line Pilots' Association. There is no camouflage about that body or its aims. It is registered as a trade union.

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SNEAK-THIE

BY far the most contemptible sneak-thieves who come under the attention of our detective forces are those specialising in criminal housebreaking.

If they carried out their robberies during the hours of darkness they would be burglars in the eyes of the law. But by carrying out the same offences in daylight they are regarded as housebreakers.

Just as much can be stolen from a house during the day as in the dead of night, and the nervous strain is certainly less. Add that the law prescribes more lenient punishment for housebreaking than for burglary, and you will realise why the former attracts a particularly furtive, craven type of thief.

Now there is a time of day which is regarded as the hour of golden opportunity by these miserable specimens. It is that part of the afternoon when housewives, their household duties finished, go out to enjoy the shops.

Easy for the housebreaker, then, to ring a door-bell prepared to make excuses if the ring should be answered, and to break his way in if there is nobody at home.

Such a man called recently at a bright villa on the outskirts of London. The time was about 2.30 p.m. And, just as

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Lucky ones often get something less than a film crowd-worker's pay for the day. The unlucky ones, having hung about for hours and found nothing doing, may drift home with hardly a penny in their pockets.

There are the plum jobs, of course. Many of the Imperial Airways pilots get four-figure salaries. Some reach from £1,200 to £1,500 a year.

There are large numbers more employed by the smaller companies who can earn what might be called reasonable money, £5 to £7 a week, with 10s. an hour flying pay, which means that by dint of working very hard, sometimes to the point of overwork, they can get from £10 to £12 a week.

But there are others: men who have spent up to £400 in training and incidental expenses to get their licences, who have had to pass stiff examinations, and until Air Force expansion began had to take as little as £3 a week, with 2s. 6d. an hour flying pay.

Bound to come

Think of that half-crown. It would mean about 12s. 6d. for taking a machine to Paris and back, although it is not to the Paris route that we refer. Imperial Airways, whatever the merits of their quarrel with the pilots' union over the sacking of ten men and refusal to recognise the union, have never joined in the slave-driving of the air that has gone on, and even to-day, to a more limited extent, is still going on.

You would think that pilots as a whole would be happier in mind with this Air Force expansion in progress and the worst blots of underpayment removed. But they are not.

What about the day when Air Force expansion ends and Air Force contraction comes about? It is bound to come one day.

Most of the civilian pilots snapped up by manufacturing firms will find themselves back on the labour market—and what a labour market for them!

What of the thousands of young pilots who will have been disgorged by the Royal Air Force, men who joined up under the four-year or one-year short-service commission plans and have learnt everything the service has to teach them?

Many of them will be hunting round in that labour market, looking for the jobs to which they will think their training and skill entitle them.

True, many of the young men whom the Air Force is teaching would have learnt flying in any case from one or other of the flying schools. These short-service commission plans have hit the flying clubs hard—with some of them it will prove a death-blow.

The plain fact is that the next five years are going to bring appreciably nearer the day when nearly everybody who now drives a car will want to know how to pilot an aeroplane.

"But the problem will solve itself," say some optimists. "When that era dawns, more people will want to fly as passengers, so there will be work for these swarms of pilots."

They forget that, while the Air Force and the training schools are giving us more pilots, the designers are giving us faster and bigger machines.

There is bound to be a glut of men able to fly big commercial machines—and there are air line operators or would-be operators waiting to exploit the fight for jobs that is bound to result.

And so JOHN BULL wishes good luck to the new trade union which commercial air pilots have been courageous enough to start—to the dismay of sniffy people who "thought they'd be above that sort of thing."

Examine some of the injustices which the association is ready to tackle with the utmost vigour.

A pilot receives flying pay at the rate, say, of 10s. an hour. In time, he finds himself on a machine that flies at twice the speed. His pay is still 10s. an hour.

That means that a 200-mile daily flight that earned him £1 now earns him 10s. only, although he is flying under far more trying conditions.

Big strain

To earn his old rate of pay he has to fly twice as far. That, at double the old speed, may be far too big a strain. In other words, both he and his passengers are going to be endangered because he is going to try his level best to see that he has no reduction in earnings.

One remedy suggested for that is to pay 10s. an hour for daylight flying under 125 miles an hour, 12s. 2d. over 175, and 12s. 6d. over 200, these rates to be increased to 15s., 18s. 2½d. and 18s. 9d. respectively for night flying.

Another point that worries the union is that leading companies are using their pilots on test flights and other duties.

The officials are guided by what has happened extensively in America in this respect. There, many of the air line pilots, fine fliers with wonderful records of night and mountain flying, have been compelled to undertake repair and ground work—in some cases, jobs of the most trifling nature.

Leading bus companies of this country do not allow their drivers to lift the lid of the bonnet in case of breakdown. A driver's duty is to drive and do nothing else but drive.

What about him?

Without a doubt, a pilot's duties should end with the safe delivery of his passengers, mail, cargo.

Then there is the question of hours. Before this artificial boom was started by Air Force expansion there were pilots who were made to fly for 14 hours a day.

The only regulation governing hours of flying says that, "should a pilot fly for more than 125 hours within a period of 30 consecutive days, he must be medically re-examined before he is allowed to carry on his job as a pilot."

That means that a company can keep a man in the air, in charge of valuable lives, for about 1,500 hours a year without the necessity arising for the special examinations called for by this regulation.

Imperial Airways and other leading British companies regard 900 hours as a very good year's work. A pilot who "knocks up" 300 hours a year in the Royal Air Force is doing quite well.

The new union is going to see there is no return to dawn-to-dusk flying when the old slave-drivers of the air decide to try their hand again, as they are bound to do.

Our Air Ministry is quite rightly the strictest of all our Government departments. It has built up and upheld British air prestige by its stringent methods.

British aircraft have an enormous safety factor. Every piece of wood, every screw, every strip of canvas, every split pin can be vouched for.

But the most important thing in any aeroplane is the pilot. What about him?

In popular films the air line pilot's life is depicted as full of glamour; in real life a different story is told . . .

SNEAK-THIEFS' HOUR

BY far the most contemptible sneak-thieves who come under the attention of our detective forces are those specialising in criminal housebreaking.

If they carried out their robberies during the hours of darkness they would be burglars in the eyes of the law. But by carrying out the same offences in daylight they are regarded as housebreakers.

Just as much can be stolen from a house during the day as in the dead of night, and the nervous strain is certainly less. Add that the law prescribes more lenient punishment for housebreaking than for burglary, and you will realise why the former attracts a particularly furtive, craven type of thief.

Now there is a time of day which is regarded as the hour of golden opportunity by these miserable specimens. It is that part of the afternoon when housewives, their household duties finished, go out to enjoy the shops.

Easy for the housebreaker, then, to ring a door-bell prepared to make excuses if the ring should be answered, and to break his way in if there is nobody at home.

Such a man called recently at a bright villa on the outskirts of London. The time was about 2.30 p.m. And, just as he had hoped, the housewife had gone shopping.

A blow with his elbow, and the glass of a door panel broke away a few inches from the lock.

His hand groped through the cavity he had made and turned the lock from within.

It was not a spick-and-span home to which the housewife returned at 4 p.m. The rooms were in a state of upheaval. And what is more, everything of value that could be crammed into pockets had gone.

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Every housewife can imagine the distress of that moment. But they can picture, as well, the joy that followed when that wife discovered that all her losses would be made good after all.

Because of the simple act of signing a coupon—such a coupon as you will find on page 37 of the paper you hold in your hand—JOHN BULL sent a substantial cheque in respect of the whole loss under the terms of the unique JOHN BULL free family insurance scheme.

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SWINDLING BRIDE'S *Audacious Frauds*

CRIME! The word conjures up in the ordinary mind disagreeable visions of burglars, housebreakers, confidence tricksters, forgers, common thieves. The mind imagines gangs of convicts working on the swamps of Dartmoor or breaking stones somewhere by Parkhurst.

Men. Men. Rightly condemned for law-breaking, violence. Pests of society, removed from decent people for long periods.

It will come as a surprise to many that often the most dangerous criminals are women.

JOHN BULL can reveal that there are at least a couple of dozen astute women criminals at large who have battened on society for years without leaving enough evidence behind to bring them to justice.

When it comes to crime, women are much more clever than the common male thief or trickster. They use the glamour of their sex to bring off hauls which would be impossible for the ordinary rogue.

At the present moment there exists in this country an attractive woman who is making an income running into many thousands a year through frauds on jewellers, hotels, banks, etc., but who is sufficiently adroit to escape the heavy hand of the law.

She is well known to the police of many counties. But she has just that artful knack of avoiding arrest. And this in spite of the fact that she has operated under nearly twenty aliases, each one of which has been reported to the authorities.

Here is a real woman of the world. She is tall and slim, extremely well spoken and, in a measure, handsome of appearance. She dresses with just that touch of quietness that betrays good breeding. Her hair is blonde. She is probably in the early thirties.

In conversation she is witty and vivacious. She has a disarming grace and a smart turn of phrase. No matter which alias she employs, she produces a name and association with an assurance that ensures confidence.

Bogus novelist

On the occasion we are going to relate she chose the alias of "Miss Burnside."

She has employed many others. Hamilton, Newman, Carter and Brand are but four of them.

It happened in Nottingham just about a month ago. "Miss Burnside" arrived in a big crimson touring car, accompanied by a commonplace-looking woman, rather older than herself, whom she described as her secretary.

She stayed at one of the best hotels in the town, and by dint of gentle hints made it known she was a woman novelist, travelling about the country in search of material for her next book. She required "nice, quiet rooms" in order to work in peace in company with her secretary when she returned after her investigations.

Naturally she wanted to know something about local conditions, local reference libraries, the new university buildings. The information was given by the hotel porter as a matter of course. She was obviously a woman of means and her tips were not ungenerous.

Her enquiries at the local library, however, were more concerned with local directories than social or historical events. In the course of some days she made a complete list of all the leading jewellers and antique dealers.

Each afternoon she made a tour of the town searching for the jeweller's establishment which suited her purpose. She decided on a certain shop and after that she worked quickly.

Accompanied by her secretary, the crimson limousine drawn convincingly up outside the door, she entered the shop and asked the assistant to show her some rings. She wanted to look at some real jewels, no ordinary cheap things masquerading as valuable precious stones.

"There was a small diamond necklace . . ." But the charming schemer could not make up her mind

Poise played its part. She was a woman of leisure. She had a fine eye for the qualities of gems. The assistant was flattered to be able to serve a customer of such discernment. In a few minutes the glass-topped counter was covered with trays of rings, set with stones of all kinds from diamonds to sapphires.

She mentioned the name of a well-known local resident, and said she was shortly going to marry him. But the assistant did not know that the man in question happened to be abroad at that moment and was not likely to return for some time.

She drew a glove from her left hand. A genuine diamond sparkled from a platinum ring. The woman explained it was a gift from her fiancé. He wanted her to select some more jewels and that was the object of her visit.

Time passed, but it was of no moment, for she was obviously a good customer, and one does not sell valuable diamond rings every day.

"Secretary" decoy

The woman played her part superbly. The middle-aged "secretary," who had not spoken a word, was brusquely ordered to ring the hotel to find out if an expected message from a firm of London publishers had arrived.

"Miss Burnside" again turned to the jewel trays and requested the loan of a magnifying-glass.

It was so tiresome. She could not make up her mind. Should she choose a ring, or a necklace, or a bangle, or a small wrist-watch for evening wear set in brilliants? It was really so difficult and she did so want to select something her fiancé would like. She insisted that the assistant put back certain rings in their correct cases and show her other objects of jewellery. She still took a long time to make up her mind.

There was a ring priced £125. There was a small diamond necklace priced £140. At long last she decided to take the ring, protesting at the same time she really had so many rings and she did not know what her fiancé would say.

She opened her handbag. It seemed to be filled with Bank of England notes. That was obvious to the assistant, who never suspected the old dodge of wrapping a genuine note round a wad of tissue-paper. Almost simultaneously the "secretary" came back saying that no message had been received, but there was an important guest from London waiting at the hotel.

Women are entitled to change their minds. Jewellers' assistants are well aware of the fact. The young man was not surprised to hear his beautiful blonde customer say that perhaps she would buy something different at the last minute.

Willingly he turned his back to bring another tray, but in that instant two valuable rings dropped into the open handbag of the woman crook. By this time the shop had been turned upside down, and it was impossible for the assistant to detect what had happened in his moment's absence.

Again the woman's privilege. She just could not make up her mind. Then there was the gentleman waiting at the hotel. She would come back in half an hour.

In the space of that half-hour, woman, secretary, two diamond rings, and crimson car had disappeared.

Other coups

This woman never works the same district twice. She is far too cute. She knows full well the difficulties and delays that beset local police systems throughout the country.

Just previously, at Salisbury, she was again the blushing bride-to-be, this time of a rich young officer attached to a regiment stationed at one of the near-by depots. That is how "Miss Helen Millar" got away with a very handsome necklace.

There was another case, this time at Exeter, quiet, rich cathedral city. Her future husband was the son of a well-known medical man. A jeweller lost a diamond brooch.

At Bristol she got away with a gold bracelet set with diamonds and a massive gold cigarette-case.

This woman has successfully carried out thefts and frauds in other counties.

She has not always escaped. She has already served terms of imprisonment. One was incurred in 1930, when she was sentenced to eighteen months for larceny and fraud. By posing as a society girl, she got away for a time with a string of pearls.

On another occasion she posed as the daughter of a clergyman, and by some means obtained a cheque-book with which she obtained quite a lot of money.

She has also operated in Paris and Ostend.

And how does she dispose of the property she steals?

We have a shrewd idea—through a much-wanted international crook who can find a ready market for her spoils among receivers both here and in Europe.

★ Politics and You ★

Don't Miss Your Chance

THERE are over 14,000 local authorities in England, Wales and Scotland.

The most important of them, those which rule 394 large town and cities, will be busy on November 1st. On that day they will elect councillors to fill something like 3,000 vacancies.

Nearly 10,000,000 people will have the right to vote. It is a safe bet to say that probably not half of them will take the trouble even to be motored to the polling booth. Thousands think local elections not worth bothering about.

This is a tragedy. Local elections matter tremendously. Parliament may pass laws, but it is the local councillors who translate them into action. Our councillors and aldermen wield far more power among us than Cabinet Ministers.

They handle, between them, nearly £800,000,000 a year—four times as much as was raised by the Budget thirty years ago.

Four-fifths of the water supply, four-fifths of the tramways, three-fifths of the electricity supply, and one-third of the gas supply in Great Britain are in their hands.

They control an enormous range of services, housing, education, public health, public relief, roads, sanitation, hospitals, clinics, libraries, open spaces, the police, and many other things.

In places where these elected councillors take their jobs seriously an amazing change has been taking place.

Infant mortality, for example, has dropped steadily. Over 41,000 tiny lives are now saved which would have been lost a quarter of a century ago.

And in the schools those older now receive treatment for defective sight, defective teeth, adenoids and other ailments to an extent undreamed of before the war.

As a result, the standard of fitness is rising. The citizens of to-morrow will be healthier and happier by just so much as the councillors of to-day rise to their responsibilities and implement fully the powers conferred upon them.

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If, therefore, you live in a town and are among those fortunate enough to be entitled to vote in ten days' time see to it that you not only vote yourself, but encourage your neighbours to vote, too.

By so doing you will not only be exercising a great privilege, won for you by the pioneers, but you will be sharing in the great adventure of building the new England we all want to see.

The Government's MIRACLE MEN

They comprise an institution that cannot be matched anywhere in the world.

Their efficiency and resource are astonishing; no task baffles them, and the extent of their service to the public is so vast as to be incalculable.

IN the heart of London, at the foot of a rise of ground, there is a big brick Tudor tower. On the pavement below red-coated sentries march to and fro, day and night, all the year round. In the evening a bright light illumines the big clock face, keeping time as the sentinels keep watch.

Here is the Palace of St. James's, the traditional seat of the Court of the kingdom of England. It is an antique mansion, built on the site of a hospital for fourteen leprous maidens, by King Henry VIII. You can still see the almost obliterated initials, H. and A.—Henry and Anne Boleyn—on the ancient stonework of the great gateway.

A short time ago it was discovered that deterioration of the original Tudor bricks was endangering the fabric of the most historic royal palace in London. Drastic restoration was imperative, but it would have been something akin to vandalism to have attempted the necessary repairs with modern materials. Something different had to be found. And it was found.

The Office of Works was forthcoming with loads of Tudor bricks, saved from recent demolition of part of the contemporary Tudor palace of Hampton Court, that great mansion built by the vain, ambitious Cardinal Wolsey on the banks of the Thames, just about the same time as Henry VIII was creating a new home for Anne Boleyn among the fields which once covered what is now the West End of London.

Bricks made in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries will replace those which have rotted to dust, and when the scaffolding is taken away the visitor will once again see the walls of St. James's Palace in all their old weatherworn glory, without a trace of modern renovation.

THE work will be yet another achievement of that strangely interesting Government department, known officially as His Majesty's Office of Works.

In some ways it is the Cinderella of Whitehall. The head of the department is not a Minister, just a Commissioner.

He is seldom invited to sit in the Cabinet. His department, consisting of 2,270 architects, engineers and officials, receives more kicks than halfpence—and seems to thrive on the treatment.

And yet it is responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the Houses of Parliament; the control of the Royal parks; the safeguarding of ancient monuments all over the country; the provision of five hundred tons of coal a day to Government offices in winter months; the maintenance of coast-guard stations; and the encouragement of bird life in St. James's Park and fallow deer at Bushey—to mention but a few of the ten thousand and one of its activities.

There is no institution in the world quite like the Office of Works. It has a hand in nearly everything that is ignored by ordinary politics.

POLICIES may change and Governments may come and go, but the task of the Office of Works goes on for ever—seeing that telephone exchanges are properly accommodated; that the roof of Chequers does not leak; that the graves of war prisoners in this country are properly tended; that there is the requisite amount of furniture in the cells of the convict prisons of Dartmoor and Parkhurst; that the post office wireless stations are properly equipped; and that officers in the Osborne House Convalescent Home are made comfortable.

There has been an Office of Works, or its equivalent, for more than 650 years. The office of its chief clerk was once held by the great Chaucer.

The last Surveyor of Works under the old system was Sir Christopher Wren, creator of St. Paul's Cathedral. The continuous existence of the present organisation is as old as Queen Anne. It was reconstituted in 1852. It had humble beginnings. To-day it has a finger in every departmental pie.

Just before the war the historic wooden roof of Westminster Hall was found to be in danger of collapse on account of the ravages of the Death Watch beetle. The Office of Works took charge. The scaffolding was put up in 1913, and not removed until 1923—ten long weary years, during which the interior of the old beams was removed and replaced by steel. It was a triumph of restoration.

No sooner had the work been completed than it was found that the soft stone of the outside of the Houses of Parliament was crumbling away. One day a pinnacle crashed on the famous terrace by the river. Again the Office of Works took charge.

It was decided to replace all the worn stone throughout the vast building, incidentally the largest edifice in Gothic style in the world. The work was begun in 1928, and it will not be completed until 1940.

Big Ben has arisen anew. But it required the introduction of 500 tons of new stone. About 1,000 tons will be required for the restoration of the Victoria Tower. And the total bill will be about £750,000.

When the Coronation drew near it was necessary to transform the heart of London into a great amphitheatre. Huge stands were built along the route to take 66,000 people. Government buildings had to be suitably decorated. A great camp had to be provided in the Royal parks for attendant troops. The interior of the Abbey itself had to be transformed for the ceremony.

This task occupied some eight months. And all these various jobs fell to the Office of Works.

IT is this department which is responsible for the erection and furnishing of any new buildings required by the Civil Service. That in itself is an immense task.

Let us begin to think about it. In every town there are a variety of Government offices — post offices, telephone exchanges, employment exchanges, Excise and Customs Offices, and so on. Each one of these has to be built by the Office of Works in the first place. It has then to be equipped. Afterwards these same centres can call on the expert assistance of the department's engineers and architects whenever they are required.

Apart from this the Office of Works has often been called on to provide barracks for military forces. For example, it built the now celebrated Royal Air Force Cadet School at Cranwell, in Lincolnshire, and when Belfast required new Law Courts it was the Office of Works which built them. It was also responsible for the new Ulster Parliament House at Stormont.

When you walk along Whitehall and look up at the red pile of the Admiralty or the grey stone frontage of the Treasury it ought to be remembered that every brick, window and pinnacle is the special care of someone in the Office of Works.

STEP over the threshold of any Government office, past where the blue-coated commissioner is seated in his little office, and you once more come into contact with more activities of the Office of Works. It must supply every stick of furniture, from the Minister's table and armchairs, right down, in some cases, to the office tea-cups.

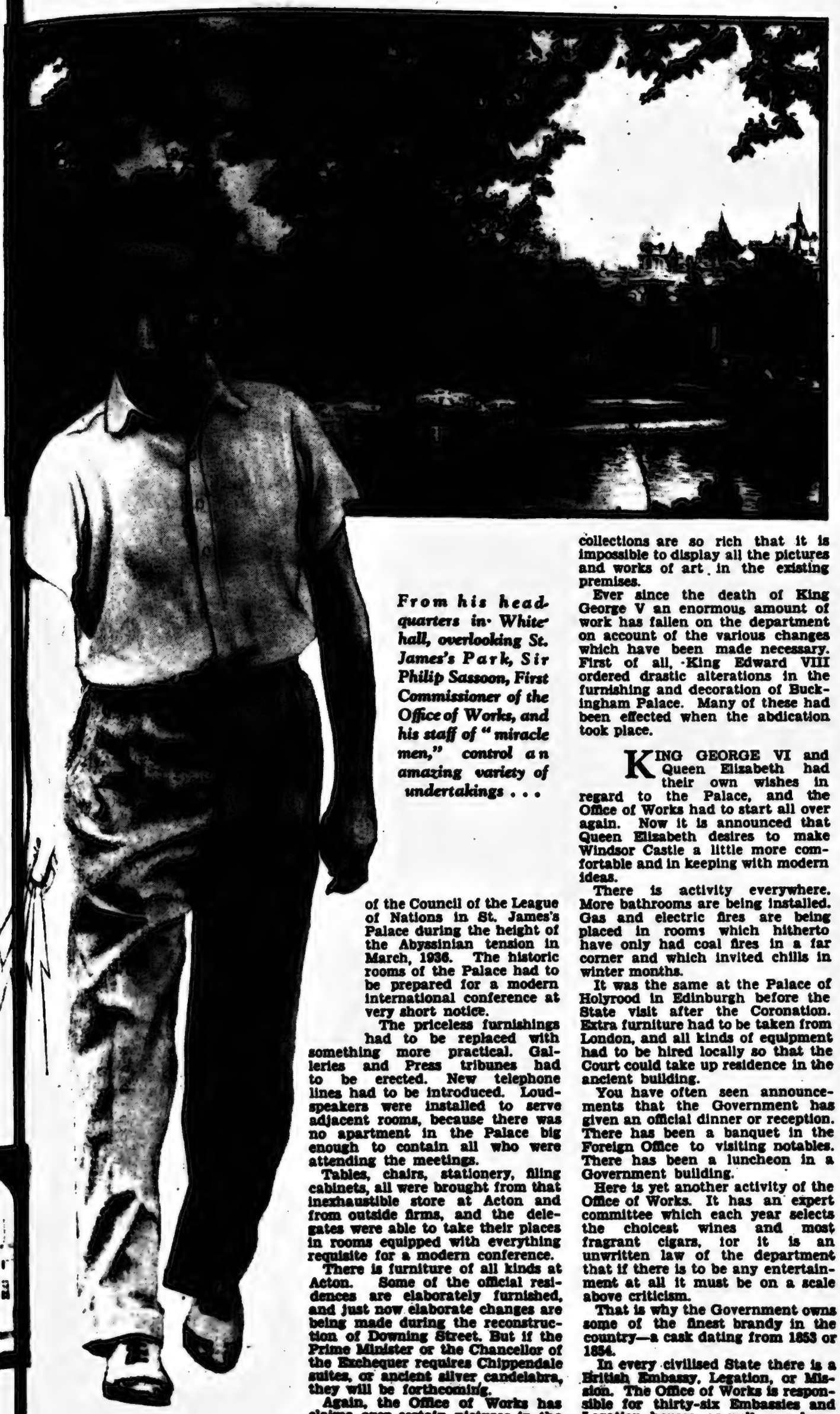
And that brings us to the most complicated task in the annual round—the supply of furniture and equipment of all kinds to every building that is connected with official administration.

Out at Acton there is an enormous storehouse packed from top to bottom with all kinds of furniture, linen, cutlery, china and glass. It constitutes the reserve supply of the Office of Works.

When a Minister moves into one of the official houses, like No. 10, Downing Street, or the Admiralty House, he can call on the Office to give him a home complete to the last duster. In the same way, if an office requires a desk or a new typewriter it can be supplied at once.

There was an interesting example of the activities of the department during the historic meeting

A few of their diversified duties—maintenance of Big Ben, care of bird and animal life in Royal Parks, custody of famous ruins like Dryburgh Abbey, or palaces like Hampton Court . . .



From his headquarters in Whitehall, overlooking St. James's Park, Sir Philip Sassoon, First Commissioner of the Office of Works, and his staff of "miracle men," control an amazing variety of undertakings . . .

of the Council of the League of Nations in St. James's Palace during the height of the Abyssinian tension in March, 1936. The historic rooms of the Palace had to be prepared for a modern international conference at very short notice.

The priceless furnishings had to be replaced with something more practical. Galleries and Press tribunes had to be erected. New telephone lines had to be introduced. Loudspeakers were installed to serve adjacent rooms, because there was no apartment in the Palace big enough to contain all who were attending the meetings.

Tables, chairs, stationery, filing cabinets, all were brought from that inexhaustible store at Acton and from outside firms, and the delegates were able to take their places in rooms equipped with everything requisite for a modern conference.

There is furniture of all kinds at Acton. Some of the official residences are elaborately furnished, and just now elaborate changes are being made during the reconstruction of Downing Street. But if the Prime Minister or the Chancellor of the Exchequer requires Chippendale suites, or ancient silver candelabra, they will be forthcoming.

Again, the Office of Works has claims over certain pictures in the public galleries. Most of the public collections are so rich that it is impossible to display all the pictures and works of art in the existing premises.

Ever since the death of King George V an enormous amount of work has fallen on the department on account of the various changes which have been made necessary. First of all, King Edward VIII ordered drastic alterations in the furnishing and decoration of Buckingham Palace. Many of these had been effected when the abdication took place.

KING GEORGE VI and Queen Elizabeth had their own wishes in regard to the Palace, and the Office of Works had to start all over again. Now it is announced that Queen Elizabeth desires to make Windsor Castle a little more comfortable and in keeping with modern ideas.

There is activity everywhere. More bathrooms are being installed. Gas and electric fires are being placed in rooms which hitherto have only had coal fires in a far corner and which invited chills in winter months.

It was the same at the Palace of Holyrood in Edinburgh before the State visit after the Coronation. Extra furniture had to be taken from London, and all kinds of equipment had to be hired locally so that the Court could take up residence in the ancient building.

You have often seen announcements that the Government has given an official dinner or reception. There has been a banquet in the Foreign Office to visiting notables. There has been a luncheon in a Government building.

Here is yet another activity of the Office of Works. It has an expert committee which each year selects the choicest wines and most fragrant cigars, for it is an unwritten law of the department that if there is to be any entertainment at all it must be on a scale above criticism.

That is why the Government owns some of the finest brandy in the country—a cask dating from 1853 or 1854.

In every civilised State there is a British Embassy, Legation, or Mission. The Office of Works is responsible for thirty-six Embassies and Legation houses, as well as a large number of Consulates in various parts of the world. Some of the buildings occupied by our Ministers abroad are just aired.

For example, the Moscow Embassy is housed in the former Haritonenko mansion. It was once owned by a sugar magnate in the Crimea, and was big enough for any ambassador. But a British architect had to be sent to make the necessary alterations for the provision of offices and lodgings.

For many years the British Ambassador in Washington was very meanly housed. At one time the ambassador was obliged to live in a hotel. A change was imperative. So Sir Edwin Lutyens was called on to design a new embassy, which is now one of the best buildings in the United States capital.

MAINTENANCE of the Royal parks in London and elsewhere comes under the department.

It was Mr. George Lansbury in his capacity of First Commissioner who introduced the Lido at the Serpentine, and permitted mixed bathing. He was much criticised at the time by the ultra-Conservatives for interfering with "the amenities of the park," but to-day the Lido is one of the most popular resorts of working Londoners in the summer months.

There are thirty-nine different varieties of water fowl on the various lakes of the London parks. They are carefully watched by officials of the department. In Richmond Park there are about six hundred fallow deer and nearly two hundred red deer. A special conservatory is set aside for perfection in cultivation of rhododendrons.

Then again, in all parts of the country there are what are now known as scheduled Ancient Monuments—buildings, ruins, castles, open spaces, and the like—which are deemed to be of historical significance in the story of our island people.

In 1913 there were but forty-four ancient monuments within the meaning of the statute. To-day there are nearly three hundred. Sixteen years ago there were 344 buildings and sites of historic interest looked after by the Office of Works. In this year 1937 there are more than 3,000.

Many places of historic interest, too, have been left to the nation in recent years. Each one creates some new work for the Office of Works. There is the celebrated ruin of Melrose Abbey. There is Dryburgh Abbey, where Sir Walter Scott and Earl Haig have their last resting places.

In North Wales rises from the waters the noble relic of Caernarvon Castle, looked on by many as the finest mediæval fortress in Europe.

EACH one of us returning to England after a sojourn on the Continent looks with gratitude on the white sheen of the chalk cliffs of Kent. Above the waters of Dover Harbour are the straight walls of the ancient keep—once more in the trust of the Office of Works.

And so one may go on—Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, home of the familiar pensioners; the Tower of London, Rievaulx Abbey in the Yorkshire dales, Hampton Court Palace and its lovely gardens; the villa left by the late Lord Rosebery at Posilippo, near Naples, as a country residence for British diplomats in Italy; and the dahlias in Hyde Park.

The Office of Works spreads its tentacles all over the world. No other Government institution has such wide and diverse interests and activities. And of all the various Ministries in Whitehall it remains the least known.

Great New Crime Series—Detectives with a Difference

Sleuth of the Iron Road

by Stanley Bishop

"John Bull's" own Ace Investigator, who has met every type of "specialist" detective

"HUNCHIE" was the nickname of the shabby, down-at-heel man with the twisted back and dragging limp, who loafed in a Bethnal Green public-house.

By occupation of sorts a bookmaker's runner—or, at least, he said so in his confidences with other customers. Rather a sociable fellow, always ready to stand his round, and to join in the pin-table games. His main topic of conversation was the up and down of racing as a trade—good money one week, little the next.

With hardly a day missed, "Hunchie" went to the same public-house. He became as familiar as a picture of Steve Donoghue winning a Derby, which hung on the wall. Other habituals talked with him freely.

Then the time came when five men who used the house were arrested on charges of receiving stolen property.

At the police court the prisoners saw "Hunchie" again, but a very different person in appearance from their saloon-bar acquaintance. Police court "Hunchie" was clean shaven, smartly dressed; his crook back straight; the limp missing.

CALLED to the witness-box, "Hunchie" gave his name as William George Sutton; employment: detective in the service of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company. The prisoners in the dock marvelled at the way in which they had been deceived by his clever disguise and acting. They were dismayed when they heard all the things he had learned against them through chance bar-room conversations.

Largely through the good work of Detective William Sutton, and other officers of the railway police, a dangerous group of criminals was broken up.

Abraham Blumenstein, leader of the gang, known as "King Bloom," and chief of London receivers, who lived in a fine house at Finchley and was a "respectable" member of suburban society, received, as punishment for a long series of thefts from the railway five years' penal servitude. Four of his associates were also convicted and are now in prison.

The judge at the Old Bailey trial directed that the railway detectives should be commended for their part in the case.

That story of "Hunchie" and how he tracked the receivers to their headquarters, and learned who was sharing in the robberies, throws some light on the detective force of the railways.

What I shall write gives other instances "from the inside" of these private service detectives, who in many ways have a more varied and interesting experience than the criminal investigation men of the regular police.

In Britain there are approximately three hundred detective officers employed by the four great railway groups and the London Passenger Transport Board.

They are detectives who are *different*, because while they may have to deal with all forms of crime, from murder downwards, they must be specialists in the kind of offences peculiar to railways—misdeclaration of merchandise; fraudulent claims; embezzlement of company's moneys; falsification of accounts; fraudulent travelling; trafficking in tickets; mail robberies; and beyond all that a most varied assortment of technical and dangerous breaches of railway by-laws.

Here is a piece of news never before published.

So complex is railway police work at the present time that the companies contemplate a central railway police school at which recruits for the uniform branch will be trained, and where there will be instructional classes for detective officers.

It will be an establishment rather on the lines of the North of England police school at Wakefield, Yorkshire, combined with certain features of the Hendon Police College.

At the school, recruits for the railway police will receive intensive training, and there will be special courses for junior detective officers.

Making a general comparison on averages, it can be fairly said that the railway detective is quite as skilful as his official counterpart of the Metropolitan and big city forces.

OFTEN the railway man is at an advantage, as he is given more elasticity of action. He is not trammelled so much by routine, although he has to observe strictly all the recognised rules in the collection of evidence against a suspect.

Further to the question of relative efficiency as between railway and "regular" detective, my personal recollection turns to the mystery death of a young woman on a railway in the North of England.

This girl was returning by a late evening train to Bradford; travelling—so far as was known—alone in a carriage. Her body was found by the side of the line; her death caused by a fall from the train. The door of the carriage in which she had been was shut when the train arrived at its destination. The hat and bag belonging to the girl were in the carriage.

Now for some reason—no doubt an excellent one—the elderly county police superintendent who had the case in his charge reached the conclusion that death was an accidental one.

But the railway detective sergeant who assisted in the investigations did not agree. He thought something far more sinister lay behind the tragedy. And the facts he secured by his examination of the carriage, and enquiries at points along the line, supported that theory.

There was good cause to believe that a man entered the carriage in which the girl was at a station en route. Moreover, there was evidence that the occupier of a house adjoining the railway line saw a struggle between a man and girl in a carriage of that particular train.

KNOWING all the circumstances, my own view supported that of the railway detective.

Of course, it is only a matter of opinion, but I believe that young woman was murdered—murdered in this legal sense, that rather than suffer the advances of a stranger she leapt from the moving train to meet death.

And the railway detective believed the same. Between us we thought we knew the man responsible. If we were right, then there is a man living in South Yorkshire to-day, with wife and family, who has the guilt of a woman's death on his conscience.

To give a broad idea of the varied duties of a railway detective, I am going to quote from the private case-book of the chief of a railway company's police department.

This extremely interesting record has been loaned to me, with the condition that in certain instances names are not disclosed.

On the railway with which the case-book mainly deals there is a police establishment of 360 men—a larger force than is directed by many county chief constables. The company employs a staff of 96,000; owns 2,000 stations and goods depots; last year carried 120 million passengers; handled 14 million parcels and 12 million tons of merchandise.

Each year prosecutions initiated by the police department total about 2,000. Something like 20,000 reports of felonies and miscellaneous offences are received by the department and investigated.

On three successive Thursdays—not long ago—the post-bag of the general manager to the company contained a startling anonymous letter. It said that the Manchester to West of England express was to be wrecked, but without specifying the point at which the attempt was to be made.

It is impossible to ignore such a warning, and for three weeks the five hundred miles of line over which the train ran were specially guarded, various city, county and borough police forces co-

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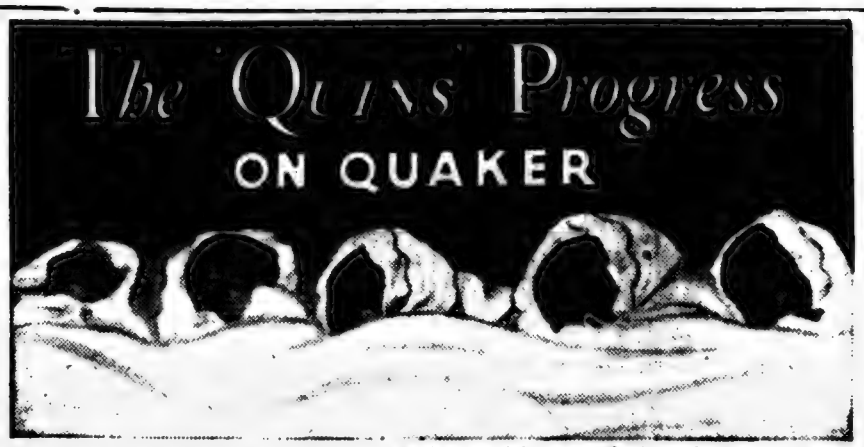
The Quins' Progress ON QUAKER



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1 This is one of the pictures that gave an astounded world its first glimpse of the five little girls who made history when they were born simultaneously to a Canadian mother. Oblivious to the world sensation they had caused, the "Quins" sleep peacefully on . . .

2 A swimming lesson? Well, not exactly. Just fun and frolics in the bath while nurse lends a hand to make sure that those famous little heads don't go under water.

3 One meal which makes the "Quins" all "Oliver Twists" is delicious, creamy Quaker Oats! And how they have thrived on it!

4 Here they are to-day. The five most famous little girls in all the world playing and romping in their own little garden like any other boys and girls. Happy, healthy, sturdy, full-weight for their age! Quaker Oats built them up!

THE "Quins" were still tiny tots when the experts first put them on Quaker Oats. They know Quaker Oats to be a source of vital Tonic Vitamin B. This is the vitamin that all growing children, and adults, too, *must* have. For it is nature's own way of preventing "nerviness" in all its unpleasant forms—constipation, indigestion and poor appetite.

YOUR GROCER SELLS THE SAME QUAKER OATS AS SUPPLIED TO THE "QUINS"—BOTH FROM THE SAME GREAT QUAKER MILLS IN CANADA

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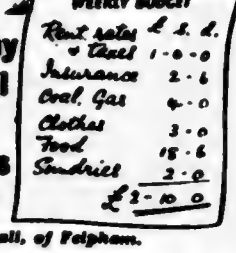
How to build growing children on an income of

£2·10·0 A WEEK

It's important to give them food that aids digestion



"That's why I'm careful to buy Rowntree's Cocoa,"

says Mrs. Marshall, of Felpham.

"A BUDGET of £2-10-0 a week leaves me just 18/6 for food," says Mrs. Marshall. "That means being careful — particularly when you have young, growing children to feed, as I have.

"My two girls — Barbara and Ann — are at the age when I have to watch out that they get really nourishing, digestible food.

"For example, there's one food that fills the bill splendidly—that's Rowntree's Cocoa. Children *feel* well fed when they've had Rowntree's Cocoa with their meals, and it really *is* nourishing. I've found too, that Rowntree's helps their digestions — which means, of course, that they get more good out of all their food.

"Neither of the children has had a day's tummy-trouble, or any kind of illness, since I started giving them Rowntree's Cocoa."

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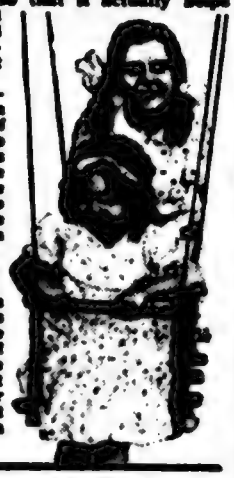
Rowntree's Cocoa is made by a special "pre-digestive" process, so that it actually helps children to digest all their other food and get more body-building nourishment out of it.

Meals with Rowntree's give children extra supplies of energy, and build up their bones, muscles and tissues more quickly. If you have growing children to feed, next time you're out shopping insist on Rowntree's Cocoa.



Barbara (7) and Ann (3) in the Marshall's garden. Look at those plump, sturdy arms! You can tell at a glance that these kiddies get the full good from their meals. That's what Rowntree's Cocoa does for little girls.

FREE! REAL SILK OR ART SILK STOCKINGS in all shades

One of hundreds of Free Gifts in exchange for Rowntree's Cocoa coupons. Free gift coupons in every tin. Send postcard (postage ½d.) to Dept. CE33, Rowntree & Co. Ltd., The Cocoa Works, York, for free Gift Booklet containing Free Voucher value 3 coupons.

Continuing—Sleuth of the Iron Road

Trailing the Ticket Fakers

operating with the railway company to provide the protection.

Remained the need for tracing the writer of the letters, all of which were posted in a Manchester sub-district.

Examination of the letters led to the conclusion that the writer was a woman of good education. Each letter was written on a single sheet of note-paper, which was rather shorter than the usual size.

Closer inspection showed that the top of each sheet was slightly rough, which indicated that a printed or die-stamped address had been cut off. The envelopes gave another clue, for when the gummed flap was removed the name and address of a stationer at a town in Shropshire was found.

Off to Shropshire went the detective. From the stationer he obtained the names and addresses of all his customers who regularly purchased address-headed letter paper.

Then by devious means he secured samples of the handwriting of all these different people.

COMPARISON of specimens and anonymous warning brought an end to the hunt.

The writer of the "Wrecker" letters was the wife of a prominent local doctor. A further enquiry proved that it was this woman's habit to travel from her home town to Manchester each Thursday on a cheap shopping ticket.

When confronted by the detective, the woman, in the presence of her amazed husband, made admission that she wrote the letters. She could, of course, have been prosecuted on a charge of causing public mischief, but in view of all the circumstances—her humble expressions of regret and the distress of the husband—it was decided that no action should be taken.

Mysterious, persistent thefts of packages of tobacco on rail transit from all parts of England to South Wales were causing trouble to the railway police. In the end the offenders were caught by an ingenious trap.

As a result of a series of checks, the detectives engaged satisfied themselves that the parcels were stolen at Cardiff during week-ends. Observation was kept for a series of week-ends, but still the losses continued.

Then it was decided to adopt special methods. It was arranged for all tobacco traffic from Liverpool, Glasgow, Chester, Birmingham and Bristol to be either held up at the sending station or intercepted en route. In the place of the usual consignments test parcels with the contents privately marked were despatched.

In addition to the markings, small coupons were printed and placed in each packet of cigarettes, offering a presentation of a box of fifty cigarettes to anyone returning the coupon to a tobacco firm in Birmingham.

ONE of the test parcels was stolen, and within a few days two of the presentation coupons were duly returned. The persons who applied for the "free fifty" were able to say where they had purchased the cigarettes.

When detectives called at the address they found the bulk of the contents of the missing test parcel, together with a quantity of other stolen tobacco. Three men were charged with the thefts, and subsequently convicted.

Passengers seldom guess how their interests are being watched by the railway detective

On another occasion suspicion grew in the mind of the company's chief accountant that tickets issued through the offices of a tourist agency in London were being forged. His returns did not agree with the classification supplied by the agency.

In some way the tickets—supplied in blank; the names of the stations being added in ink at the time of purchase—were being altered systematically.

A number of these agency tickets were microscopically examined, but not the slightest trace of erasure or mutilation could be seen. Laboratory tests followed which proved that the original writing had been removed by some chemical, and other station names superimposed.

Within seven days of this discovery the ticket forger was discovered. It happened in this way: Arrangements were made with the twenty-five London offices of the tourist agency to advise the railway police daily of all tickets issued under the price of five shillings.

"First class blank card return ticket, Paddington to Southall No. 427, issued yesterday" was a message telephoned from the agency office in Bloomsbury.

Too late then to intercept the purchaser on the outward journey. Consequently instructions were telegraphed for all travelling ticket collectors to make a special examination, and, in the event of anyone being found with the backward half of Ticket No. 427, to advise the headquarters of the company's police, and to keep the user under observation until a detective arrived to intercept him or her.

Shortly afterwards news came back that a passenger travelling in a train from the West to the North of England was in possession of the ticket, which read "First class Newquay to Paddington."

Under interrogation in London the passenger, who was an engineer in a good position, admitted there was a conspiracy between himself and several others to effect this ticket forging.

The forger would never give away his confederates, and although their identity was suspected—they were all men of professional standing—sufficient evidence could not be secured to warrant their arrest. But the captured forger pleaded guilty, when charged, and received four months' imprisonment.

Luggage thieves—the detectives who patrol the London termini and larger country stations know them by instinct. Each thief has a method of his own, and the most difficult to detect are those who never loiter about a platform, but time their arrival so as to reach a station about five minutes after a long-distance train has arrived.

Then they board the train at one end, walk along the corridor, select a bag left unattended in a compartment, and flit from the train somewhere lower down.

One of these gentry caught recently at Paddington was a young man of extremely smart appearance, who declared he had been trained as a chartered accountant. It was the first time he had been detected and he made a most amazing confession.

He began—he said—by stealing a handsome overcoat from a Birmingham restaurant. After that he travelled to Leamington, Derby, Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool and Southampton stealing, as opportunity provided, at each of those towns, and successfully maintaining his freedom throughout.

One thief caught in the act of stealing an attaché-case from the telegraph office of a London terminus was an associate of the Royal Academy of Music. At his house property stolen at various stations and valued at £300 was recovered.

ANOTHER habitual thief was unwise enough to give warning of his intentions. Following the theft of a suitcase at Birkenhead, the stationmaster received this letter:—

"Just off Bristol way with the dressing-case from your cloak-room door. I've played up Liverpool, Chester, Wigan, Bolton and Preston well, so I think it is time to clear. I'll be in Bristol by the time you get this, giving them a turn. —Yours, Ever Sorry."

Detectives were alert watching out for the humorous criminal who advised his intentions. Three days later he was caught at Bath, stealing luggage.

Fifty-seven years of age, this crook had spent no fewer than twenty years in penal servitude.

Now he is away for another five years.

Next Week:
POST OFFICE DETECTIVE

ROMANCE

The very last Reservation Forms for "The World's Greatest Wonders"—JOHN BULL's Sensational New Presentation—appear on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

If you want to see things you never believed existed, if you want to see sights that are too incredible for words, don't miss this work containing over 700 of the most astonishing photographs ever published. Turn to pages 6 and 7 and act at once. HURRY!

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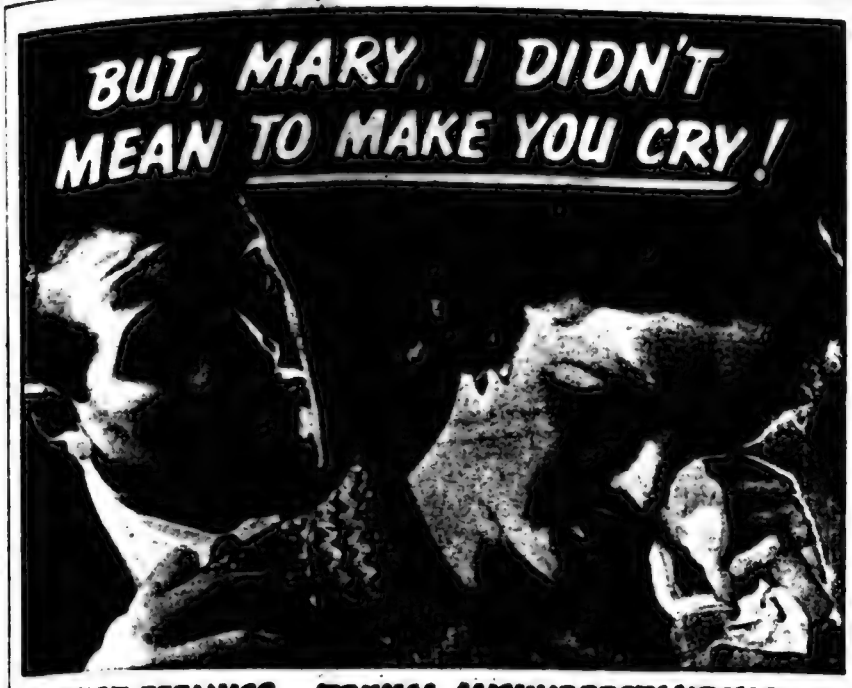

HURT FEELINGS—TRIVIAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS

are usually signs of a

BADLY RUN-DOWN CONDITION!

WHEN you begin to get "nervy" and take offence too easily, there is a definite *physical* cause. It means that you're badly run-down — that your blood is feeble and "underfed."

This condition is dangerous. But you can counteract it in a few days with Hall's Wine, the rich, tonic wine that doctors and nurses have recommended for over forty years. It pours new strength into your thin, feeble blood, rejuvenates your whole system, and fortifies your heart. You can actually feel this amazing tonic doing you good *within thirty seconds after taking.*

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Keep REGULAR with

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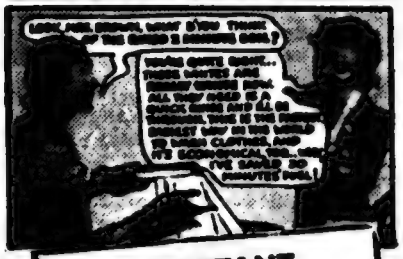
RAPID SPREAD OF AMAZING NEW EASY WASHING METHODS

"One woman tells another"

WHAT Mrs. HOPKINS SHOWED Mrs. BROWN



HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THE WONDERFUL NEW RINSO METHODS, MRS. BROWN? EVERYONE'S RAVING ABOUT THEM. THEY BOIL YOUR WHITES BRILLIANT IN 2 MINUTES AND SOAK YOUR COLOUREDS BRIGHT AS NEW IN 12 MINUTES. WAIT—I'LL SHOW YOU...

Almost unbelievable results with the new swift Rinso 2-minute boil for whites and 12-minute soak for coloureds.

"ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE".. that's what women find the new scientific Rinso methods.

And no wonder! For they had always had to boil whites 30 minutes or more, and soak the other clothes for hours, and rub until their arms ached!

But they're soon won over! Now they simply put the white things into the copper in lukewarm Rinso suds. They don't soak or rub them beforehand. Instead, they just dampen the extra-dirty places and smooth in a little Rinso. Then they bring the clothes to the boil, as usual, and boil for only 2 *minutes!* The clothes are dazzling!

The 12-Minute Soak

Then there's the Rinso 12-minute soak for coloureds. These clothes go straight into hand-hot Rinso suds and are allowed to soak for 12 minutes. After that they're so clean they don't need any hard rubbing at all!

Save time, work and fuel! Give your whites the Rinso 2-minute boil, your coloureds the Rinso 12-minute soak. Give silks, woollens and fine things a quick wash-through in cool Rinso suds. You'll have the easiest washday and the brightest, cleanest clothes-line ever! Rinso costs only 3½d., 6d. or 10d. a packet.

IMPORTANT

Don't be misled about "extra" whiteness in washing clothes. For safe washing, avoid using any product with a strong bleaching or whitening action.

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If your dog is out of condition

If your dog is scratching, listless or suffering from any of the other common blood disorders, such as loose coat, eczema and swellings between the toes, he will need special treatment. Follow the directions given in the Bob Martin packet and in a short time he'll be enjoying glorious *plus* dog health.

How to keep 'plus dog' fitness

There are two methods widely used by leading Breeders and other thoughtful dog owners. The majority find it convenient to give one Bob Martin's regularly every day, but some prefer to give three Bob Martin's on Saturday and three again on Sunday. Either of these methods will give your dog a new and lasting fitness — *plus* dog fitness. In packets, 6d. & 1/-, from all chemists, dog shops, etc.

Sprinkle the powder in a little milk, or on his food, or drop it dry on to his tongue. Bob Martin's Condition Powders are quite tasteless.

BOB MARTIN'S CONDITION POWDERS

for better health, better coat, better spirits

Colossal Stamp Forgeries

ONE of the largest sections in this week's London Stamp Exhibition is devoted to forged and bogus stamps.

At the present time, too, Scotland Yard is investigating one of the biggest philatelic frauds ever discovered.

Dealers are working with detectives in the effort to track down an organisation of crooks who have been flooding the market with fraudulently postmarked envelopes.

These envelopes bear the date of the first day's issue of Coronation stamps in certain Colonies and Dominions, and recently the prices paid by collectors for these "first day covers" have soared to many times the actual value of the stamps.

Now, in out-of-the-way Colonies like Ascension or the British Solomon Islands, where the one-man post office is open for only a few hours a week, not more than a few hundred registered letters could have been dispatched on the first day of the new stamps.

Yet dealers in London and the provinces have been offering them by the thousand!

So Scotland Yard has found a new job during the last day or two. And leading dealers announce that funds are available for the prosecution of the forgers if swindled collectors cannot provide the necessary money themselves.

USUALLY, the trade keeps quiet about stamp forgeries. It isn't good for business to scare collectors. Besides, prosecution is difficult, since a dozen people may have bought and sold a stamp in good faith before the thirteenth owner discovers that it is a forgery.

This hush-hush, finger-on-the-lips attitude is so firmly kept, prosecutions are so rare, that thousands of enthusiasts will have a disagreeable shock when they visit the Exhibition and realise the large-scale operations of the forgers.

They will be staggered by some of the examples collected by Dr. A. E. Kidd, of Dundee, our foremost authority on bogus stamps. They will see, too, a selection exhibited by a Bond Street auctioneer who owns 250,000 forgeries!

JOHN BULL can add quite a few revelations concerning the wholesale activities of the counterfeiters.

First, it must be pointed out that their chances of plunder are far greater than the general public may suppose. Stamp-collecting is the hobby not only of schoolchildren, but of many thousand men and women in this country alone; large sums of money are involved.

In the vaults of a London bank is the world's most expensive specimen—a one-cent British Guiana of 1856 for which more than £7,000 was bid (and refused) at a famous Strand auction room two years ago. In Berlin, later this month, a red Mauritius valued at £4,000 will be offered for sale.

Nor need anyone wonder why this week's London show is guarded day and night by ex-artillerymen, who, though they have left their howitzers and field guns behind, are ready to deal with any enemy. For the exhibits are worth £150,000.

The forgers are too wise to try their skill at imitating the most costly specimens. A stamp worth £200 or £400 must have a pedigree longer than that of a thoroughbred racehorse; no big buyer will look at it unless all its previous owners are known.

The crooks, therefore, aim at cheating the more numerous enthusiasts whose purses are smaller. Choosing stamps worth perhaps £5 to £10, they manufacture a few score imitations.

Not content to tap this fairly wide market, they invade the biggest market of all.

Cheap issues are forged by the thousand; even stamps which can be bought of any dealer for a penny or two are copied and run off in vast quantities from the forging factories in Italy, France and Belgium. There is also a den in Tunis which produces bogus Moroccan and Near Eastern stamps, though the favourite issues for imitating are those of the South American states, Germany, Austria, Italy and Spain.

Some of these illicit factories are extremely well equipped. Police who raided a Rumanian's lodgings in Nice found a modern printing press, perforating machines, inks of many colours, plates, and nearly five hundred cancelling appliances.

In the Geneva Museum of History and Art an astonishing "black gallery" has been assembled of dies, matrices, postmarking stamps, perforating and printing machines.

Fortunately, a large proportion of the work of smaller imitators is so clumsy that only the youngest collector should be deceived. But the forgeries of the crooks who work on an international scale are frequently so plausible that only experts can spot their real nature.

EXPERT committees of the various British philatelic societies have passed judgment on thousands of such examples.

Only last week a leading London auctioneer refused to offer for sale a stamp which a client had innocently bought for a considerable sum and hoped to sell for a profit.

Moreover, the forgers have every inducement to increase their output, despite the £50 reward offered by a British body for information leading to their arrest.

Stamp prices are rising rapidly; twenty-five thousand price alterations have had to be made in recent catalogues, so great is the demand.

Undoubtedly the Silver Jubilee and the Coronation persuaded thousands of people to take a new interest in philately. You remember the queues outside the post offices when the first King George VI stamps were sold; many of those eager buyers have found their purchases to be good investments.

Sets of Jubilee issues for which they paid £4 in 1935 are now worth from £16 to £17 10s. A Jubilee stamp, sold in Canada, which by a tiny flaw seemed to show a tear on the cheek of Princess Elizabeth, will fetch £25; hundreds of Canadian Coronation stamps, with a similar flaw on the King's face, are already worth as much.

Other people, perhaps, are becoming aware that the hobby offers more than the joy of collecting and the opportunity of profit. Stamps often make news even for the daily papers.

A month ago a stamp nearly caused a war. Nicaragua issued one depicting some disputed territory. Honduras demanded its withdrawal.

BOTH sides used the wireless to exhort citizens to "stand firm"; an angry Note passed between the two countries, frontier clashes were reported. Now, latest bulletins assure us, tension has been relieved.

Save for a stamp, again, there might be no Panama Canal. Because a Nicaraguan stamp showed the volcano of Momotombo in eruption, with docks that were buried in lava, soon after the stamp was put into circulation United States senators decided to build the waterway through Panama rather than through Nicaragua.

Anyway, the hobby is growing in popularity. The last season's sales were the best on record, while the forger is benefiting at the expense of the "little man" collector.

Our exposures a few years ago of the forging of National Health Insurance stamps by foreign criminals should prove that the forging of ordinary British postal issues is by no means impossible.

If only for this reason, the authorities should co-operate with other countries in a great drive to stamp out illicit stamp factories.

A group of experts examine a rare specimen. The fakers have to be clever indeed to deceive them

All in League together!

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Night of Revolution

Conrad Phillips is visiting registered readers in their homes and retelling their big thrill. £5 5s. is paid for each story published. This week's story is from Registered Reader No. 154619, Marie Delston, 24, Clare Park, Belfast.

IN 1919 I was living with my parents in Kieff, capital of the Ukraine. At that time the country was infested with bandits. The most powerful of these, and the most feared by the people, was a band that called themselves "Partisans." They were supposed to be helping General Denikin fight the "Reds."

At the time my story begins, they were occupying the town, and the Ataman, their leader, had made his headquarters in the luxurious block of flats where we lived.

During the revolution of 1917, my parents had lost practically everything they possessed, and I had been compelled to earn my living as a dancer.

When the bandits first took up their headquarters in our building, they agreed, for a regular supply of money, food and drink, to spare our lives. Our willingness to accede to their wishes resulted in amicable relations, even to the extent of the Ataman vowing that if other bandits attempted to attack our house he would give us his protection.

One night as I was about to go to bed, my mother burst into my room in a state of panic. "Quick, Marie!" she exclaimed. "The Ataman and his staff are in the drawing-room, waiting for you."

◆ I had feared this visit ever since they had been in the place. Why did he want me? But there was no time to think. Throwing a fur coat over my dressing-gown, I followed mother into the white drawing-room.

For the first time I came face to face with the man who had left a bloody trail wherever he went. To my surprise, he was no more than twenty-five years old.

Clicking his heels together, he made a curt bow, then introduced me to his staff, consisting of a few Ukrainians, a bearded "colonel" and, most surprisingly, a slight, monkey-faced Russian prince, who, I learned later, acted as liaison officer between the bandits and Denikin.

I observed while he was talking to me that the Ataman's roving eyes could not look into mine.

"We are having a party, and came to ask you to dance for us," he said. "All the artists living in the house have been mobilised. The boy H. (an infant prodigy) is going to play the piano—so we are taking your piano, too."

My mother's beloved "Bechstein" was already upside down on the floor.

"But that's not all, sister," the chief added. "They tell me you are good at fortune telling." He held out his big hand for me to read.

One look at it sent a shudder through me. Never have I seen such a blood-stained palm as his.

I have a curious gift of not only guessing from the shape and lines of a hand a person's character, but also his past and present.

◆ On this occasion I strained all my powers of perception. It was the hand of a murderer, but manifested in the past were redeeming features. Very slowly I reconstructed his past for him.

As I did so, I noticed the change in his expression. I saw in that hand the story of how a young, idealistic schoolmaster gradually took to crime.

The chief was dumbfounded. He looked at me just as if I might have been a witch. Perspiring, he nodded his head in assent when I asked if what I told him was true.

Towards the end, he pulled himself together. Breaking the strange silence that had fallen over us, he said: "Witchcraft."

When they had departed, my mother came to me in a state of panic again. "Marie," she said, "you can't possibly dance at their drunken party."

"I can't do anything else," I told her, "for if I refuse to go they will force me to."

"Why don't you pretend to be ill?" she added.

I agreed to try that.

The party was soon in progress. From my bedroom I could hear them singing ribald songs, shouting and stamping. Then a few minutes later came a loud knock on our front door.

"Ill?" I heard a voice say. "Nonsense. She was all right a little time ago."

The man turned out to be the bearded colonel. Despite my mother's protest, he came boldly into my room. "Ah," he said, coming over to me, "I know what will do you good—a little vodka." His face was flushed and sensuous. It terrified me. "I'll be back in a minute," he said.

"Mother!" I shouted, when he had departed. "I won't go. I won't go."

My father and little sister were sitting in the other room. He looked so frail, so gentle. My sister's big frightened eyes stared at me. . . . Then I pulled myself together.

They were all prepared to face the worst rather than let me go, but I would not hear of this.

The colonel returned with a bottle of vodka. Gulping a glassful of it down, I promised to join the party as soon as I was ready.

It was nearly eleven o'clock when I entered the bandit's headquarters.

The room was full of men who were armed to the teeth. They were mostly huge fellows dressed in ragged, comic uniforms. Some of them had open shirts, showing powerful, hairy chests. They all looked strangely out of place in a room. You imagined them waiting for travellers on a highway.

My attention was attracted to the pale, elfin face of the infant prodigy. By his side a tall, drunken bandit was plying him with drink. When I thought of this poor, highly-strung child being in bed always at an early hour, I forgot my own plight.

◆ He played my dance madly. As I finished a huge partisan dragged me to a table. None of the artists they had mentioned were in the room, and I was the only woman present. The big fellow was squeezing my hands in his great paws, hurting me unbearably. "Come on," he urged. I was terrified, but I dare not show it.

Turning on my way to the table, I caught the eye of the monkey-faced Russian prince. With a bottle in one hand and a revolver in the other, he leapt to my side.

"Sorry, my friend," he said, smiling to the bandit. "She has promised to have supper with me—but I had to fetch a bottle first—old Martell, brother, three stars . . ."

"Three stars and yourself to hell!" shouted the bandit, snatching his own colt from his belt.

The prince ducked—the room began to swim. In the dim background I could recognise only one face—the Ataman's. It was grim, terrifying.

"I merely wanted to frighten him," the bandit said, pointing to the prince.

"Lucky for you you missed," the Ataman said. "I don't like my parties spoilt." He turned to me. "How about supper with me?" he asked.

"Ataman," I said, "Let me go home. Those who harm me die before the year is over."

A strange fear, the fear of a superstitious Russian peasant appeared to paralyse the wild crowd. Everybody gazed at me in awe. "All right, witch," he cried. "Go back to the devil."

Unharmed, except for my bruised hands, I went home to my anxious family.

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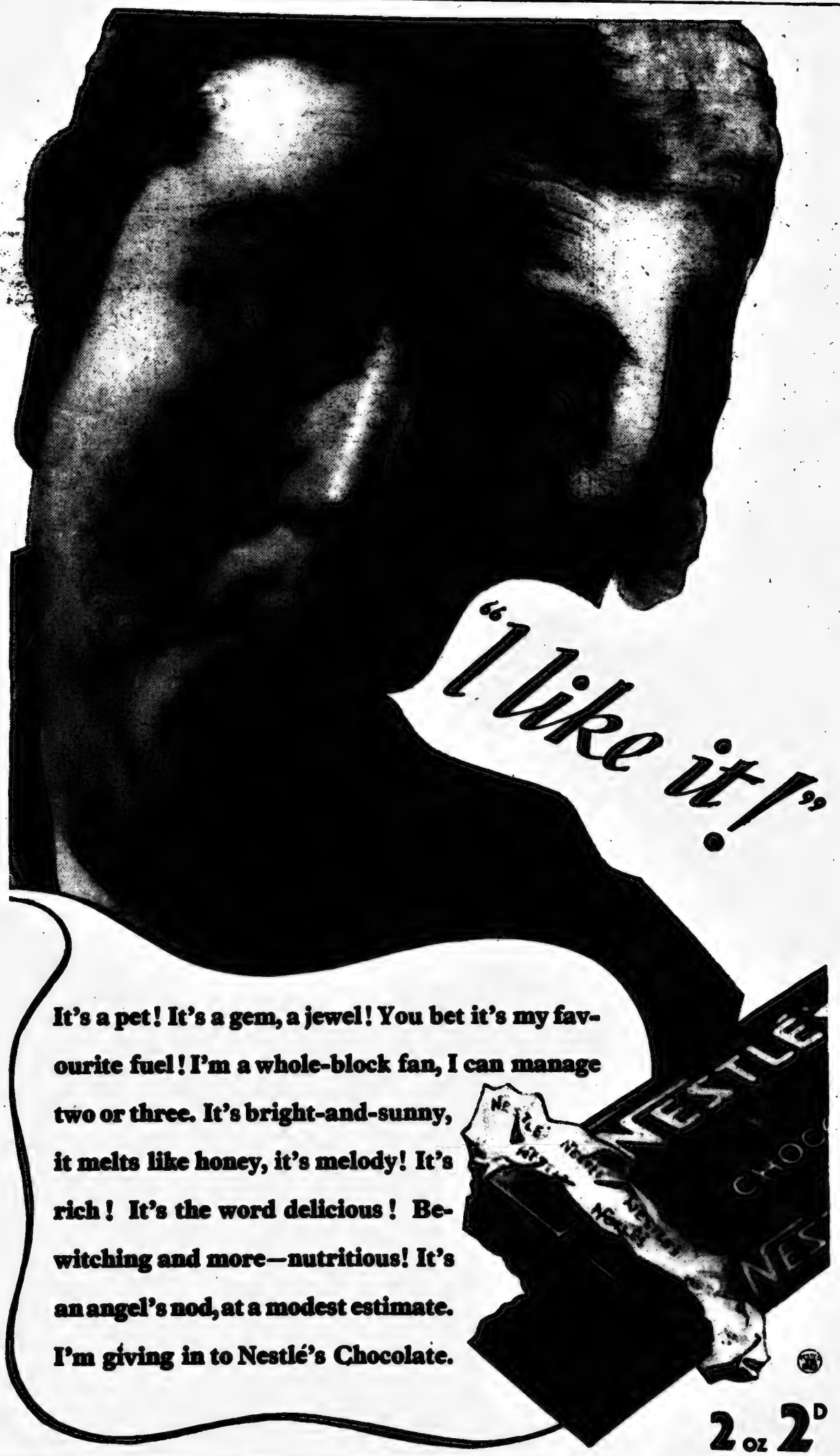

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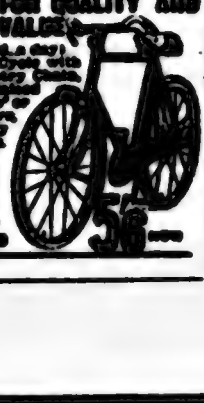

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Fireside dreams. Would a fortune mean to you a dozen things hitherto impossible of attainment?

Snapping their Fingers at Fortune

WHAT would you do with a fortune? If you sometimes indulge in the luxury of fireside dreams, you probably have a ready answer to this question.

Maybe you would decide that you had worked long enough, and retire to enjoy your new-found independence. Perhaps you'd start with a holiday in some sunny spot abroad, buy a week-end house by the sea—do a dozen things which had hitherto been impossible to do.

Or would you follow the stranger course set by some of the people who, during the last few months, have suddenly become wealthy?

There's Miss Annie Urquhart, for instance. A fortnight ago she learned that she had been left £20,000 by the proprietor of the Perthshire hotel which she has managed for twenty-six years. She receives, also, a fine house and the residue of the estate.

Miss Urquhart is pleased that her services have been so handsomely recognised. But, she says: "That I have inherited £20,000 means nothing to me. I am not the least bit concerned about money."

Mrs. Ann Griffin says the same, though her good fortune is far greater. Within the last month she has been bequeathed nearly £66,000 by a schoolteacher cousin.

Nevertheless, she has resolved to go on living in her four-roomed cottage at Westhoughton, near Bolton; she is emphatic that a large income will not affect her modest existence.

"I hope to take a holiday in Ireland; nothing else."

As if to provide bitter contrasts to these examples of indifference, recent weeks have also unfolded the stories of two men to whom a fortune brought disaster and death.

The first was told by a widow of Huntington, Cheshire, whose middle-aged labourer husband suddenly found himself worth £30,000 and drank himself to death in two and a half years.

HE bought land, a ten-roomed farmhouse, a fine limousine. He had a chauffeur in livery. Though he wanted other servants, his wife insisted upon doing all the scrubbing and cooking herself. Her prudence was justified.

He cashed large cheques with reckless frequency, so large that now, on his death, his widow has had to borrow money to pay the funeral expenses.

It appears we can pity both her and the widow of Horace John King, a Woodford Green barman who became worth £28,000 in 1933. He was then twenty-eight, temperate, hardworking, "a model husband."

When he died a few weeks ago, Mrs. King admitted that she wished he had never received the money. It brought them, she said, neither happiness nor pleasure. He did not buy a car; she did not buy expensive clothes. But he drank heavily, was led into financial difficulties by so-called friends.

Yet, though such cases furnish morals for sermons, there are more people who treat unexpected riches with indifference than those who allow their heads to be turned.

Mrs. Flynn, a Dundee woman of seventy-eight, will not even bother to claim a share of the £4,000,000 estate left by a Scottish mill owner. That may be understandable at her time of life, but usually it is not a question of age.

A young London electrician is working for £4 a week, though he inherited £18,000 last year. He likes his job, his tastes are simple, he and his wife are quite content with their inexpensive flat.

A Liverpool ship-repairer who won £89,000 some years ago decided to go on working, and is still happy as a result.

At least, it might be imagined, a small fortune would be a god-send to a really penniless man. It should be. Yet there is the astonishing prank of Edward Merrill to prove that a down-and-out may not only look a gift horse in the mouth but run away from a legacy.

Two thousand pounds his hermit uncle left him last year. Merrill, one-time crossing sweeper, had not been seen for years. Then a relative found him—homeless, workless, penniless—and cared for him until the will was proved.

BUT on the very day he was due to call at a solicitor's office to receive the bequest Merrill disappeared!

After a long search he was found again, perfectly happy. All he asked from the lawyers was enough to buy him a brush-up and a meal; nothing would induce him to accept his fortune in a lump sum.

Just a matter of temperament, no doubt. Smith may treat ten thousand pounds as a trifle of no consequence, while Jones would give his soul to possess half as much. Brown would put it all in the bank against a rainy day; White would convert it into an overdraft within a year.

The more human way, it may be, is that of Miss Atkin, a charwoman employed by a well-known barrister at his chambers in the Inner Temple. Delightedly, she gave him notice not long ago, adding that she had just inherited £15,000.

It might have been twice as much had she not previously sold half her interest in the money for £800.

The amazed barrister asked her plans. "I mean to have a real good holiday for a start—perhaps on the Continent. I've never been there, you see. When I come home, I'm going to take a nice little house at the seaside." She concluded happily, "It all seems like a dream."

IT seems that for every young man who dissipates a fortune in the style made familiar by countless novels, there are several men and women who accept sudden riches soberly, if not disdainfully.

Certainly it is true that many winners of big prizes receive the news of their success with astonishing lack of excitement—perhaps because it is difficult at first for them fully to realise all that the big prize will mean to them.

Last week, for instance, a mechanic in a Hull factory won £8 weekly for life and £1,000 in our Crossword Competition. Yet this cool, calm and collected young man of thirty-three was only with difficulty persuaded to ask for an extra half-hour off from his work!

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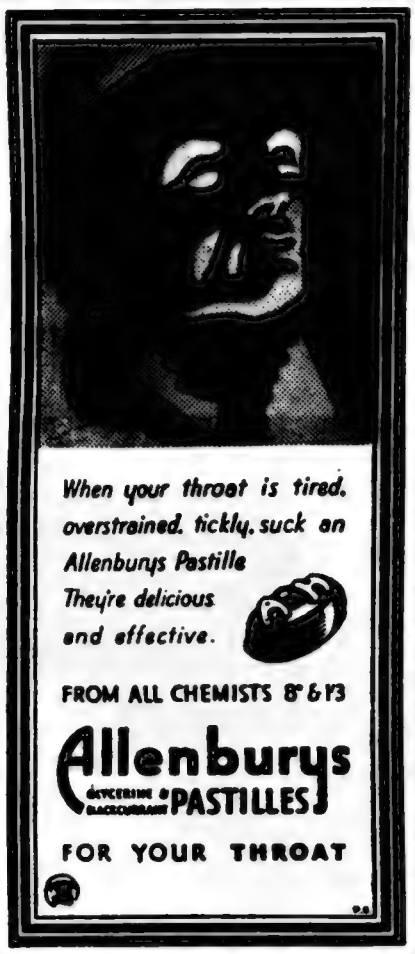

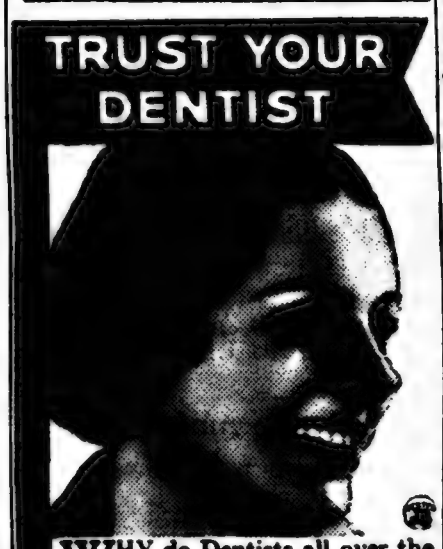

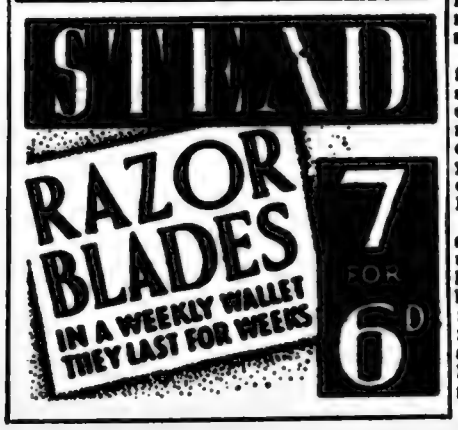

The *Unwanted* Stepchild

Perhaps a quiet and patient talk with his little girl would bring about a happier state of affairs

Human Documents by Philip Inman

IT is not always easy to advise other people. In the case of young folk the responsibility is especially heavy, for the whole course of their lives may be changed as a result.

Some problems, of course, present no difficulty. But others may involve considerations that would tax the wisdom of a Solomon. Rival interests occur when there is something to be said for both sides of the question. Consider a case like this. One man writes:—

My little girl by my first wife is at present staying with her grandmother. I always thought that my second wife, whom I married two years ago, and my girl got on well together, but now I have just had a very big blow. My wife has told me that she does not want the child to come back to us again.

I have pleaded with her to try to see my side of the question, and I have told her that I could not bear to lose her for good. To that she replies that she will not be happy if the child comes back.

I may say that she has been a very good wife, and I am naturally anxious to please her, but I also want to have my little girl with me. We seem to have reached a deadlock, for neither of us is willing to give way, and I have come to you as my last resource, for I know that if you can't help me, no one can.

It is indeed a deadlock. Let us see if we can find a key to open it. A good deal depends upon this question—what has made that wife dislike her stepdaughter?

DOES my correspondent make too much fuss of his little girl? Is the child unruly or cheeky or antagonistic to his wife? If so, then there is some justification for her present attitude. And my correspondent is the one to deal with the situation.

Perhaps a quiet, patient talk with his little girl would bring about a happier state of affairs, especially if he can promote some affection between her and her stepmother. But if the woman's edict is due to prejudice or jealousy, then I think she is acting most unreasonably.

She obviously knew of the existence of the little girl when she agreed to marry this man. She should realise that the child is her husband's responsibility. Would she like a child of hers to be sent away from its own home and its father because of a stepmother's spitefulness?

She should do unto others as she would expect them to do unto her. Out of affection for her husband and out of sympathy for a motherless child, I hope she will agree to her husband's desire for his little girl to come back to them.

Here we have another family clash. This time it is between a husband and a sister.

I was the youngest of a family of four, says this woman, and my parents died when I was a girl. My sister, who is the eldest in the family, has been an invalid for years. After my two brothers married I carried on the home until I also married.

My sister then went to live with a great friend who had a small private income, sufficient to keep herself, but not sufficient to keep my sister as well. One of my brothers and my husband have been contributing to her keep for seventeen years, and the elder brother would not consent to do anything. Now, Mr. Inman, this is my trouble.

My brother, who has been helping to support her, has just retired, and he tells us that he cannot afford to pay any longer. This has upset my husband, and he says why should he continue to pay if her own brother will not do so? I feel worried to death to think that now she is old she will have to go into a Poor Law Institution. My own health is not good, and I could not look after her now.

I should add that my sister has heart trouble, and recently she had a slight seizure.

There are three people here who have my sympathy. I appreciate fully the position of my correspondent in her concern as to what is to happen to her invalid sister. I share, too, the feelings of her husband. It seems unfair that he should have to shoulder the entire burden of his sister-in-law.

I can understand, as well, the attitude of that retired brother. His income is probably materially reduced, and he cannot continue what he was willing and able to do when in active employment.

They have put to shame that brother who has refused to contribute a penny. But what is to be done now?

These are some practical steps my correspondent can take. She can write to that renegade brother explaining the position and asking if even now he will come to the rescue and take up the burden that his brother has had to lay down.

Alternatively, she might see the friend with whom her sister has been staying and enquire whether she can suggest any way of meeting the position. It would also be as well to ask the doctor's opinion.

If that woman is definitely incurable it might be possible to obtain admission for her into a home for incurables, where I know the patients are well looked after and made most comfortable. I hope my correspondent will in one of these ways find the realisation of her desire.

CONTINUING with these family clashes. Here is a girl who has to choose between her father and her own future. Here is her letter:—

My mother died just five years ago, and for eighteen months I kept house for my father and family of five younger children.

Then my father re-married, and I went away and did not see him or my home again for two years. I then heard that his second wife had died and left a baby of six months.

I went back to see him, and found him very upset.

I agreed to take over the whole responsibility of caring for the baby and the family again.

I have not regretted doing so, for everything has turned out all right, and I love the little boy as if he were my own. Now I come to my problem.

Some time ago I went out with a man who, after courting me for two years, broke it off for another girl and drink. Now another man whom I have known for a long time, but only been out with on a few occasions, has asked me to marry him.

He is in a regular job, and although he is not very well paid, we could manage to live on his earnings. I like him very much, but I have a feeling the other man will come back to me, and I really am in love with him.

Then, I don't know what to do about those at home. My father works short time during the winter, and could not afford to pay a housekeeper. Although I am only twenty-seven years old I have had a hard life, and I have so much looked forward to a home of my own.

FIRST of all this girl must make up her mind on the question of marriage. I think she would be wise to banish all thoughts of the first young man. After two years' courtship he broke off the association for another girl. He also drinks.

He does not seem to me to be worthy of a decent girl's love.

With regard to the second man, everything depends upon whether her affection for him is strong enough to accept his proposal. But let me remind her that a marriage for any other reason than love does not stand much prospect of success. Then we come to the question of her leaving her father and her home.

Naturally, she does not want to be selfish, but she must consider her own future. Her father pleased himself when he married a second time, and he should be very grateful to her for coming to the rescue and giving another period of her life to his welfare.

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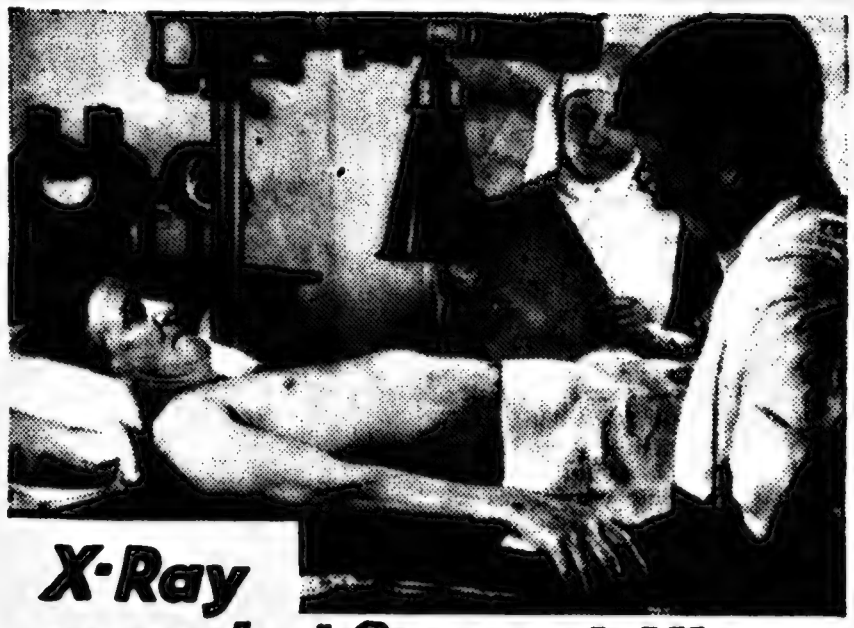

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For the magistrates at Coleshill, Warwickshire, in fining him £10 and suspending his ordinary road driving licence for twelve months for a speed offence on the open road, have made it necessary for him to surrender his competition licence, without which no racing motorist can drive on a track.

There is only one country in the world where he could go in for motor racing without that certificate—China, where there is no motor racing, anyhow.

The Jockey Club of motor racing ordains it.

It will come as a surprise to many hundreds of thousands of motorists to know that there is such strict discipline in international motor racing as this, that the international licence under which a man motor races becomes automatically suspended with the suspension of his driving licence.

But so it is.

The Association Internationale des Automobile-Clubs Reconnus, the international body governing car racing the whole world over, is the most powerful sporting body in existence from the world point of view.

A leading motoring club in every civilised country except China—in Britain it is the R.A.C.—imposes its will. There is a right of appeal, of course, and everybody believes that Prince Bhanubbandh will succeed in getting the R.A.C. to restore his track licence, despite the loss of his road licence.

Let us take a few examples showing how the R.A.C. controls the sport of motor racing in this country in the name of that international Jockey Club.

A well-known track rider had a bad accident, as a result of which he not only received terrible injuries, but also subjected the speed kings who were following him to grave risks.

It was known to some of his rivals that he was physically unfit and that that unfitness made him a danger to everybody with whom he shared the track. And so they decided to ask the R.A.C. to subject him to the medical examination for racing motorists.

Unfortunately, he died from his injuries. But if he had lived there is little doubt that he would never have been allowed to race again, that his Association Internationale des Automobile-Clubs Reconnus licence would have been withdrawn on medical grounds.

Another example of how motor racing is controlled concerns the Ulster "T.T." of 1934, where there were allegations that certain cars that had won prizes were not actually as they had been represented to be.

One manufacturer went so far as to say that he would fight the award of a prize to one particular car with all the force that he could command.

Before the meeting ended, the R.A.C. had sealed the engine of every car round which this dispute centred. There was not a single working part that could be touched without breaking the seals.

After that, officials of the club went to the factories in which these models had been made and compared parts of the sealed engines with identical parts removed from cars made to be sold to private owners.

A secret enquiry followed—the result of which was to acquit the winners of the race of cheating in any way.

A driver can, of course, fall foul of the stewards at a particular meeting he attends. But there is always a steward of the R.A.C. on that body, representing not only his own organisation, but, through that body, the international organisation.

He can appeal from any decision to the Competitions Department of the R.A.C. He can then carry his appeal to the R.A.C. stewards. In the last extremity he could appeal to the Association Internationale des Automobile-Clubs Reconnus.

That failing, he must bow to the inevitable. If his competition card has been forfeited, his racing days are over until such time as it is restored to him.

The Jockey Club of motor racing is not ruthless. Often it restores the competition licence to a man who is not allowed to drive a car on the roads.

In the case of one famous British motorist who returned his licence on having his ordinary driving licence suspended by the courts, it weighed the fact that he would be seriously handicapped in his business if he was not allowed to enter cars for races. Without this competition card one can neither ride in a race nor enter a car in a race.

And so, bearing in mind the special circumstances, it ordered that he would not be allowed to take his seat at the wheel personally, but that he could get other drivers to handle his cars.

When British motorists compete abroad they come under the control of whatever motoring organisation in that country has organised the event and through that body, under the control of the international organisation.

But British R.A.C. stewards always accompany them, and have often saved complications.

One such problem concerned three English women drivers who, having taken part in a long-distance race and won a prize, went to their hotel, changed into light and dainty dresses, and went out into the town to see the shops.

Returning to their hotel, they found pandemonium reigned. They hadn't permitted themselves to be weighed at the end of the race. They would have to make their way to the official scales at once, to see that they weren't lighter than they stated before the race began.

To their horror they found they were some pounds below the weights stated—and disqualification was in the air. The Jockey Club of motor racing would act.

It only needed the English representative to explain that Englishwomen didn't go in for long-distance tests in flimsy frocks, featherweight shoes and silk lingerie, and the matter was cleared up.

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Efficient, Unluckily!

I WAS talking to a manufacturer the other day when a departmental chief interrupted to say he was promoting So-and-so to a position of trust just vacated.

Said the employer: "No you don't. So-and-so is one of our best workmen. He's too useful to take off the bench." How unfortunate to be too good to get promotion!—D. HILLS, 4, Bramley Hill, Croydon.

As a general principle, rotten—and all too prevalent. As a temporary expedient, with a desperate shortage of clever bench hands and work pouring in, understandable.

Breathe Again!

SEVERAL times you have referred to local authorities that ban the laying of linoleum. The reason is that, for reasons of economy, council houses are often built with the floor boards laid direct on concrete instead of on wooden joists.

Unless adequate facilities for "breathing" are allowed for two years, dry rot sets in after about five years, and linoleum hinders the breathing process. —EDWARD G. WILLS, 38, Reddenhill Road, Torquay, Devon.

Your technical explanation only makes us the more annoyed.

Food Peril

AS a shopkeeper, I find that children make mistakes in giving "mummy's order" and then come rushing back to the shop to exchange foodstuffs.

I am compelled to take back, *for sale to other people*, food that has been in houses of sickness, or placed on the kerb while a child plays with some youngster kept home from school with a sore throat. — SHOPKEEPER, High Street, Brentford, Middlesex.

Undoubtedly real danger here. But obviously no shopkeeper could act alone. The authorities, who can be forgiven for never thinking of this matter before, should give some consideration to it.

I USED to think, "Oh, these lazy modern girls," when I couldn't get a maid. Now, a reverse has made it necessary for me to undertake household work by the hour.

One woman says when I'm finished: "Free to take some fresh air at last. You'll love taking the dog for a walk." Another finds the laundry has forgotten to call, hands me a batch of dirty linen. A third, forgetting I have a wrist watch, regularly puts the clock back a quarter of an hour.—"SURPRISED," Liverpool Road, Eccles, Lancs.

All investigations of servant shortage show mistresses largely to blame.

Go Dirty!

CLEANLINESS is next to Godliness. It is so important that certain authorities order compulsory bathing. Not so one authority in this district. As you will see from attached, it has ordered me to go dirty.—J. R. WEBBER, Tolcarne Road, Beaxor, Camborne.

Attached is urgent notice from Camborne Water Company, notifying drought, and saying in no consideration should water be used for baths.

Now, Nurse

WE read this week of a union meeting at Norwich, when an effort will be made to unionise the nursing profession.

We nurses welcome improvements, but we want to keep our profession a vocation and not to let it become a job.—NURSE E. M MARSH, Royal Infirmary, Wigan.

Doctors and lawyers have most rigorous of all unions. Let a hospital try to engage a doctor at cheap rates. Doctors' union would black-list it, close it to profession.

Don't Do This

NEVER treat any part of fiction as fact. It is a good rule. For instance, I've just read for the fiftieth time in a novel that the hero ran up to the unconscious form and "forced brandy down her throat." In fiction, it always brings her round. In fact, brandy would more often than not speed up haemorrhage.—W. SLATER, 83, Links Avenue, Monkseaton, Northumberland.

One first-aid rule is, never give anything by the mouth while a patient is unconscious.

Now You Know

HOUSE hunting, I found I could buy a house for a smaller weekly expenditure than if I rented it.

Now this seems scarcely feasible. I know it puzzles a great many people.—J. H. PRESCOTT, 7, Victoria Avenue, Prestatyn, N. Wales.

A building society can lend you, say, £500 at 4½ per cent. You could hardly expect a landlord to lock up £500 and meet repairs and decorations, ordinary depreciation, a possible slump in building values, etc., out of the 8s. 7½d. a week he would get at 4½ per cent.

They're Only Politicians

YOU can't turn postmen into doctors with a sweep of the hand, yet we turn a Postmaster-General into a Minister of Health with a sweep of the pen.—D. BREED, 146, Kineton Green Road, Olton, Birmingham.

Not the same thing. A Cabinet Minister is the political head of a Government department. Technical heads supply the technical knowledge.

Smashing Youngsters

BREAKING my window by accident, eight alarmed-looking boys, little gentlemen, knocked at my door and handed me a list of their signatures, with a written promise that they would each pay

1d by Saturday

—MRS. F. H. LAWTON, 23, Friday Road, Erith, Kent.

Late news: They all paid up, and Mrs. Lawton's husband handed them their pennies back.

On this page reader speaks to reader about the things of life that puzzle, hurt, dismay and please.

What about your contribution? There is some subject—perhaps a personal experience—you feel strongly about. Tell us briefly, humanly, sincerely

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FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

By Our Expert. Matches Played October 23.

FIRST DIVISION.
(1) Middlesbrough v. Man. C.
(2) Portsmouth v. Blackpool.
(3) Preston v. Huddersfield.
(4) Stoke v. Arsenal.
(5) W.B. Albion v. Sunderl'd.
(6) Birmingham v. Derby.
(7) Charlton v. Bolton.
(8) Chelsea v. Brentford.
(9) Grimsby v. Everton.
**(10) Leeds v. Wolves.
*(11) Liverpool v. Leicester.

SECOND DIVISION.
(1) Luton v. West Ham.
(2) Man. U. v. Sheffield W.
(3) Newcastle v. Bradford.
(4) Forest v. Villa.
**(5) Sheffield U. v. Fulham.
(6) Stockport v. Blackburn.
**(7) Notts Co. v. Plymouth.
*(8) Barnsley v. Soton.
(9) Burnley v. Chesterfield.
(10) Bury v. Swansea.
(11) Coventry v. Norwich.

SOUTHERN SECTION.
(1) Orient v. Millwall.
(2) Mansfield v. Swindon.
*(3) N'thampton. v. G'ling'm.
(4) Q.P. Rangers v. Palace.
*(5) Southend v. Reading.
(6) Torquay v. Aldershot.
(7) Walsall v. Watford.
(8) Newcastle v. Newport.
(9) Brighton v. Notts.
(10) Bristol R. v. Exeter.
**(11) Cardiff v. Bristol C.

NORTHERN SECTION.
**(1) Doncaster v. Barrow.
(2) Halifax v. Gateshead.
(3) Rochdale v. Wrexham.
*(4) Rotherham v. Hartlepools.
(5) Southport v. Crewe.
(6) Tranmere v. Oldham.
(7) York v. Darlington.
(8) Accrington v. Bull.
(9) Bradford C. v. P. Vale.
(10) Carlisle v. N. Brighton.
(11) Chester v. Lincoln.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Div. I.
(1) Kilmarnock v. Q. Park.
(2) Morton v. Aberdeen.
*(3) Motherwell v. Falkirk.
**(4) Rangers v. Hamilton.
(5) 3rd Lanark v. Hibs.
*(6) Arbroath v. Q. of South.
(7) Ayr v. St. Mirren.
*(8) Cattic v. St. Johnstone.
(9) Dundee v. Partick.
**(10) Hearts v. Clyde.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Div. II.
(1) Peebles v. E. Fife.
(2) Leith v. Brechin.
*(3) Raith v. King's Park.
(4) Stenhousemuir v. Airdrie.
(5) Albion v. St. Bernards.
(6) Allos v. Montrose.
(7) Dunfermline v. Dumb'rt'n.
(8) E. Stirling v. Dundee U.
(9) Edinburgh v. C'd'n'th.

SPECIAL STAR CODE:—As injuries to players and consequent alterations in teams may affect the chances of different clubs, we shall publish last-minute JOHN BULL selections in code in the *Daily Herald* and *Sporting Life* each Friday morning. Example Code.—Div. I.—1 (*A*); Southern Section—11 (*H*); Scottish League, Div. I.—10 (*H*), would indicate Manchester City, Cardiff and Hearts.

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JOHN (Oban).—"What manner of man tries at all times to put his craft before everything?" Racing yachtsman.

D. E. (Colchester).—"I read an article in a paper telling how to prevent a tennis racket from warping." In the press?

DOG-LOVER (Newark).—"Our dog can express quite a lot of humour with his tail." Evidently a bit of a wag.

M. D. (Ealing).—"I am writing a treatise on the blood." It should have a good circulation.

AUCTIONEER (Liverpool).—"I never make a mistake when playing skittles." You always knock the lot down.

W. M. (Hereford).—"At least one person realises the true value of having a good typist in the office." The typist?

MANUFACTURER (Watford).—"The output of my works go all round the globe." What do you make—lampshades?

RICHARD O. (Chiswick).—"With twelve hens I keep in the back garden I've recently won seven first prizes at different shows." That's a run of luck for you.

S. B. (Canterbury).—"American cowboys are good cooks." At home on the range.

ANGLER (South Devon).—"The organisers called it an 'all-in' fishing contest." Ah! catch-as-catch-can.

H. R. (Carlisle).—"My friends say I have well-chiselled features." You should use a safety-razor.

DAI (Pontycymmer).—"I take a keen interest in the future of coalmines." A deep one, eh?

E. W. (Winchester).—"Many unemployed men are taking up growing potatoes." It must be very annoying to the farmers.

SURREALIST (Fulham).—"My parents always wished me to take up art." Then you should have respected their wishes.

MACD. (Aberdeen).—"If I do sell my wireless set which I have now had four years, what should I realise?" How lucky you are.

T. C. H. (Manningtree).—"A few airmen have formed themselves into a trapeze troupe." They should be used to flying through the air.

G. M. R. (Salisbury).—"Not many people can get a good night's rest in a berth in a railway sleeper." No, even one often finds it difficult.

BERT (Inverness).—"Camping out in the snow-clad mountains during winter is an exhilarating experience." It leaves us cold.

R. C. B. (Brighton).—"My neighbour did his best to get me to help him with his wall-papering, but it didn't come off." You mean it didn't go on.

REG L. (Windsor).—"When my wife asked me how I could cut my smoking expenses, I couldn't tell her." You gave it up?

MRS. T. (Hastings).—"I really do not know what my husband would do if I left him for a month." Have a jolly good time probably.

BARBER (Manchester).—"When a customer asked me to cut his hair really short the other day I went over his head with my closest clippers, and afterwards . . . you should have heard him!!" Went for you bald-headed, eh?

"Not so hard on the trigger to-day—I don't want to hit another aeroplane."
—From "The Passing Show"

The Editor Laughs Last

L. E. (Shrewsbury).—"If you want to get on, you must push, push, and keep on pushing." Or buy a better car.

H. B. (Durham).—"Where does all the snuff go to?" No one nose.

GOLFER (London, W.).—"I have holed out in one several times lately." Do you bother to take your putter with you now?

P. M. (Northampton).—"The rhythmic footsteps of the policeman sounded like a drum." He was, of course, on his beat.

C. H. (Mitcham).—"I'm reckoned a bit of an expert in the way I arrange pictures for exhibition." You've got the hang of it.

ATHLETE (Kew).—"It sounds a bit strange I know, but winning a hundred yards race has enabled me to get a job as a boot repairer.' From first to last, eh?

MISS AGNES (Dunfermline).—"Many people would give a stray dog a home if they got a little encouragement from the authorities." All they require is a lead.

L. N. (Cheam).—"What happens to the young man who burns the midnight oil nowadays?" He is fined for a smoky exhaust.

STOREMAN (Pimlico).—"The boss saw a beetle in the store and shouted for me to kill it in a terrible hurry." He told you to step on it?

F. N. (Maida Vale).—"He lost his job as an actor and the last time I saw him he was a sandwichman." Still connected with the boards, eh?

ARTIST (Bloomsbury).—"I had just completed the picture when my wife threw ink on it." A blot on the landscape.

NOVICE (Bath).—"If I put a couple of hundred pounds on a horse at 200 to 1, what ought I to get?" Certified, we should think.

STUDENT (Norwood).—"Because I couldn't explain the meaning of 'fabaceous' and 'hemitrope,' I did not pass a recent exam." Words failed you, eh?

EXPLORER (London, W.).—"I rode on a large goat in Tibet for many journeys and grew very attached to the animal." We should imagine that to be the only way successfully to ride goats in Tibet.

CARRIER (Dartmouth).—"I remember years ago taking a box labelled "Books" to a country house, but on the way it started dripping and afterwards I was told the case contained wine and spirits." It leaked out.

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R. J. (Cowley).—"Fat men should exercise and diet." Girth control.

F. B. (Colchester).—"This has been a poor year for roses." Not up to standard.

TEC (Leeds).—"A criminal will never willingly consent to have his photograph taken." In case he's framed?

A. P. (Crewe).—"Members of a certain African tribe actually eat earth." Sound swallowers.

ART (Chelsea).—"My new model is satisfactory, but a complete mystery to me." A perfect poser, as it were.

C. G. (Appledore).—"The outfitter at the seaside village had sold out of belts." There weren't enough to go round, eh?

CALENDAR (Durham).—"A laundress to be successful must possess a lot of tact." And be able to smooth things over.

MRS. B. (Handley).—"I can tell fortunes by palmistry after just a glance." Offhand, in fact.

HOUSEWIFE (Liverpool).—"Some men get upset over nothing." Especially if their team gets it in a home match.

R. H. (Wigan).—"The players of a professional football team owe a lot to the manager." Not if he's a wise one.

SERGEANT (Aldershot).—"I have invented a gramophonic device for drilling soldiers." And do you think recruits will fall in with the idea?

N. B. (Hampstead).—"I recognised one of the players as a notorious card-sharper." You had seen his ace before somewhere!

DONALD (Penge).—"I remember the street in which my friend lives, but where shall I find the number of his house?" On his front door.

BOATMAN (Brighton).—"I shall never part with my gumboots, which I reckon saved my life." You're going to stick to them.

R. V. J. (Gillingham).—"I gave up going to church because I found I couldn't concentrate on the sermon." You don't attend, then?

T. N. (Manchester).—"I took her to a dance but she seemed very attracted by a fellow with a monocle." One in the eye for you.

BARMAN (Southsea).—"Someone upset the tray I was carrying and the beer and port went over the landlord." The drinks were on him, you mean?

T. L. (Swindon).—"How is it that the linesman is sometimes a greater authority on football than the referee?" He's more in touch.

J. M. B. (Battersea).—"What are the prospects of turkey prices this Christmas?" Why worry, when JOHN BULL will be delighted to provide one free? See page 47.

BARRISTER (Temple).—"I could not secure a verdict for my client because all the papers were missing owing to my dispatch-box having been mislaid." You lost the case!

SOCCER FAN (Tranmere).—"Let me tell you that a former international centre-half is now a successful wholesale merchant." It's only natural he should do well as a middleman.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

SIDE-SLIPS

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelope "Side-Slips." When the same "Slip" is submitted by more than one person that which arrived with the earliest postmark receives the prize.

LIVERPOOL DAILY POST:—"*Normandie* . . . having made the east to west crossing in under four HOURS."

BIRMINGHAM MAIL:—"A Stechford family, consisting of father, MOTH and two children . . ."

ESSEX CHRONICLE:—"The Swiss papers are filled with accounts of violent storms which laid waste ten districts of Switzerland during the first ten MONTHS OF AUGUST."

NEWS-CHRONICLE:—"FIFTEEN travellers of whom HALF were priests . . ."

THE NEWCASTLE WEEKLY CHRONICLE:—"Women to-day are, generally speaking, better dressed than they used to be . . . but they still make mistakes over their HATS."

WESTERN MORNING NEWS:—"Mr. F. J. S—— denied that defendant ever asked for an appeal to the cow."

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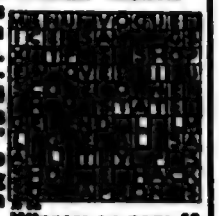
CROSSWORD No. 80.

The Adjudication Committee decided that the most apt and accurate Answers used by competitors were those seen in the Square on right.

Reasons for Committee's findings will appear in next week's 'Crossword Gazette.' Secure your free weekly copy by using £250 Bonus Coupon below.



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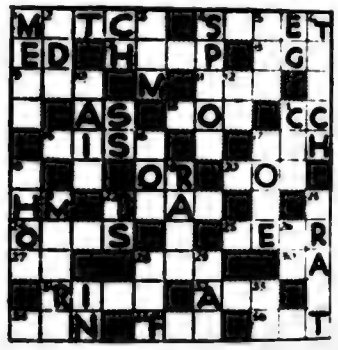

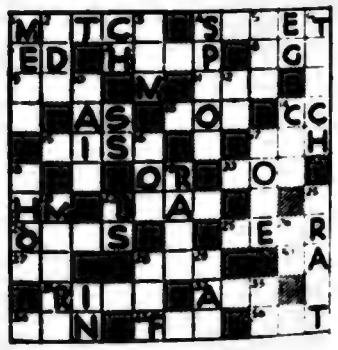

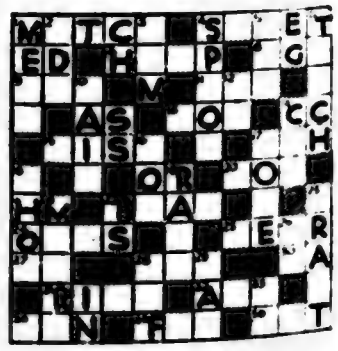

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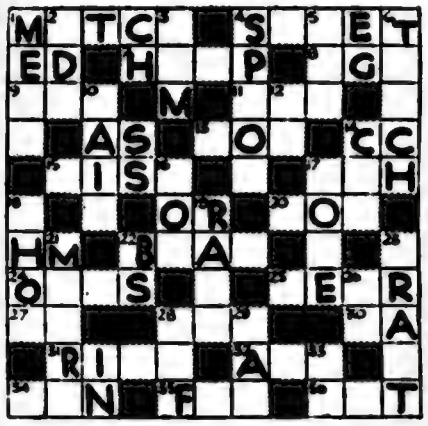
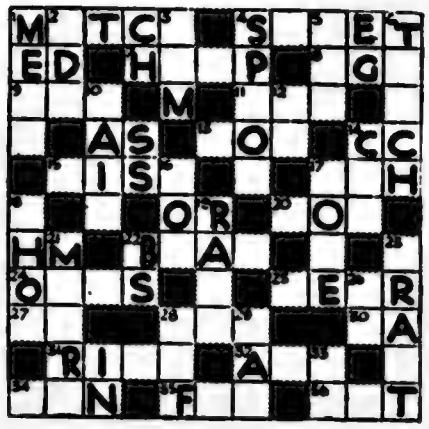
"JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD No. 83. Closing SATURDAY, NOV. 6, 1937.





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£250 BONUS COUPON

I have affixed two 1½d. stamps below for payment of postage on—

☐ 6 week's supply of Crossword Gazette and Bullets Bulletin.

☐ 6 week's extension of my present supply

Mark X in either square above according to which service you require.

I enclose my entry (1, 2, 3, 4 or more coupons) for Crossword No. 83—please register me for a share of £250 Gazette Bonus with any cash prize I win in this Contest.

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ADDRESS .....

WHO WANTS EXTRA CASH? Use this Coupon

This Coupon is valid only until Sat., Nov. 6

CUT ALONG THIS LINE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Cup Final is important football one
4. One of ice usually looks attractive
7. Undergraduate has this of books in his study
8. In middle of wagon
9. Begins normally
11. Used to propel a boat
13. Some fond fathers talk a lot of
15. Most film-stars do this for publicity
17. Exclamation in Bahamas
20. Frequently lost by gambling
22. Likes to be near honey
24. One expects them to be green
25. Some great actors have been well able to portray
27. Bit of sport in polo
28. Fabric in crepe
30. Bachelor of Arts
31. People who do this whenever possible will be no good as hiking companions
32. Is often to be seen in sea
34. One may get this in any pub
35. One frequently sees this made of fine feathers
36. At least one number in good musical show is likely to be this

CLUES DOWN

1. One is occasionally seen in old books
2. Fuss
3. Turned edge of cloth
4. Housebreaker sometimes gets away with
5. You hear with this
6. Burglar's is likely to give him away
10. Night-club's profits may be affected by
12. At end of seat
14. Carriage in cabin
16. Garden tool used for weeds
17. Common cause of contention
18. You can usually change this if it's not satisfactory
19. People sometimes show pride in theirs
21. Native of New Zealand
23. Foreign one in quiet cove takes you by surprise
26. Able-bodied seaman
28. Short for referee
29. Stew is made in one
33. Extremities of earth

EXTRA SQUARES POST FREE.

For this special Contest only, you may enter as many coupons as you wish, and may enclose all in same envelope. Further squares will appear in next week's "John Bull." For extra squares send penny postcard to "John Bull's" Crossword Gazette Dept., 30, Bedford Street, W.C.2, stating number of coupons (each with two squares) required.

HERE IS ANOTHER *plus* XMAS HAMPERS!

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£2 XMAS CHEQUE Presented to each Hamper Winner from whom "John Bull" receives in one envelope not fewer than four entry-forms (eight squares) for this Contest

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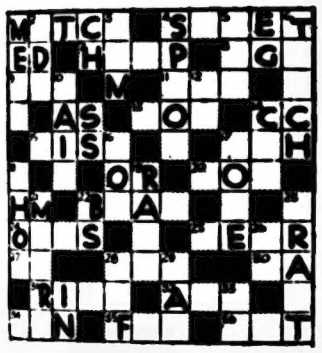

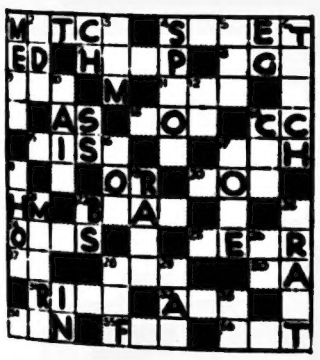

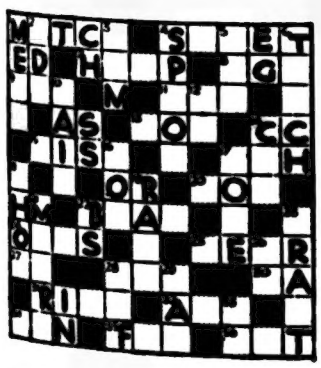

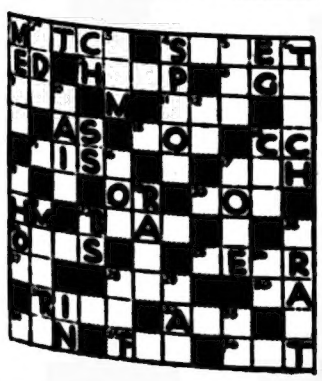

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PRESENTED on these pages is the eighty-third of JOHN BULL'S entertaining Crossword Puzzles; you are invited to exercise your skill and knowledge by completing it with the guidance of the Clues provided.

Aptness and accuracy of Answers in relation to the Clues form the standard of excellence by which entries will be judged and all decisions will be based on the Answers of Competitors. This judging will be carried out under the supervision of an Adjudication Committee, consisting of the following: The Editor of JOHN BULL; Doctor Lascelles Abercrombie, Litt.D., D.Lit., M.A.; and Doctor C. E. M. Joad, M.A., D.Lit.

Each entry received will be carefully considered and the First Prize-winner will be the competitor who on one Entry-square has completed the Puzzle and has given what, in the opinion of the Adjudication Committee, is the best set of Answers to the Clues provided. And this set of Answers will constitute the winning Puzzle Square.

If at any points in the Puzzle where a choice of words exists the Adjudication Committee decides that no one word submitted can be preferred on the test of aptness and accuracy, then competitors there using words of equal merit as Answers will be regarded as having tied at these points, which will be duly indicated when result and winning Puzzle Square appear in JOHN BULL published Thursday, November 18, 1937. The reasons which decided the Committee's Award will be published in JOHN BULL'S free weekly "Crossword Gazette," obtainable as instructed on opposite page. The Second Prize will be awarded to the competitor whose entry is next in order of merit. In the event of a tie or ties, the lump sum of £3,500 will be equally divided, but not more than one share will be allowed to any one entrant, nor more than one share of each of the £250 Extra Awards.

Acceptance of the findings of the Adjudication Committee in regard to the most meritorious entries and of the Editor of JOHN BULL in all other matters is a condition on which entries are accepted and is legally binding on all entrants for this Crossword Competition.

READ THESE RULES

1.—Complete puzzle in ordinary ink, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, cut out the whole Entry Form whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry-fee for one coupon (two squares) is SIXPENCE. For two coupons (four squares) send ONE SHILLING. For three coupons (six squares) send ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE and become entitled to enter two additional Gift Squares provided. If making additional entries, one allowed free with each three paid. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and cross it /& Co./; write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O. and fill in the number upon Entry Form; Entry Form to be sent by post as directed (not delivered by hand) to reach us not later than **Saturday, November 6.**

FREE COUPON ☞
The two entry squares on this fourth coupon are Free, provided it is enclosed in the same envelope with three paid (or prize) coupons from same entrant: AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL SATURDAY, NOV. 6.

2.—Should any single letter square be left blank, contain a letter which is not clear, or altered, or not given in ink, the corresponding properly indicated letter on adjoining Entry-square will be regarded as entrant's intended letter for both Entry-squares. If entrant's answer cannot be so decided or such flaws occur in more than one letter square, Entry-square concerned will be disqualified, as will any mutilated coupon.

No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered, or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Winner and winning Puzzle Square will appear in JOHN BULL on sale Thursday, November 18. Should any competitor not announced as a winner believe that he entered a coupon eligible for a share of the First Prize, he must demand a scrutiny by first post Tuesday, Nov. 23, in accordance with directions given with result and enclosing £1 Scrutiny Fee. Any such scrutiny which may amend the result must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the Runners-up Prize. Accordingly entries are accepted only on condition that the result of our double adjudication establishing these winners is regarded as final. Merit is established according to the total number of Answers to Clues, both Across and Down, which agree with the winning Puzzle Square.

4.—Should the First Prize be shared, £3,500 cash will be paid instead of the Four-in-one Award.

5.—Failure to comply with any of the Rules and Conditions involves disqualification.

6.—Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and members of their families are not eligible to compete.

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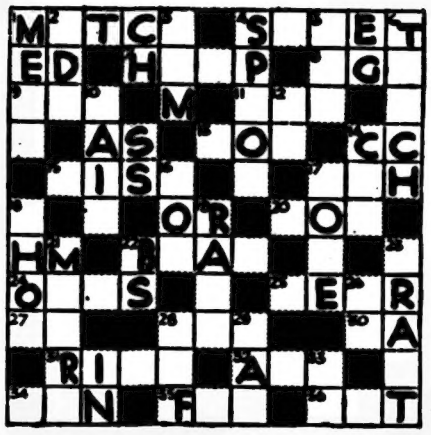

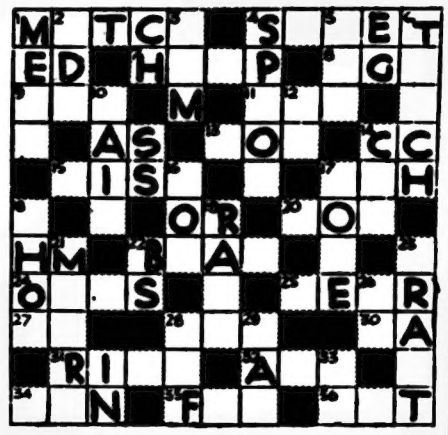

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ENTRY FEE for 4 squares 1s.

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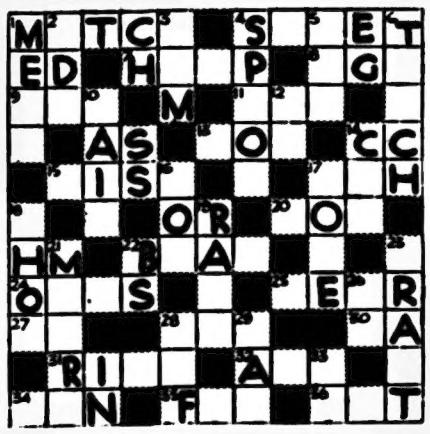

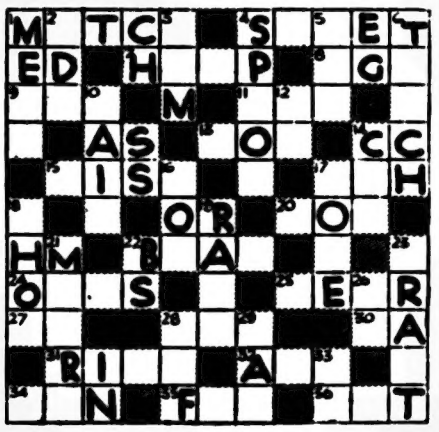

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ENTRY FEE for 6 squares 1s. 6d

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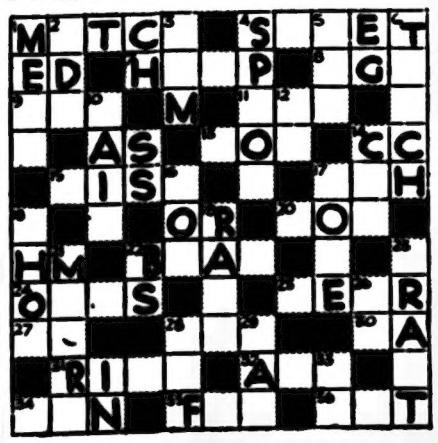

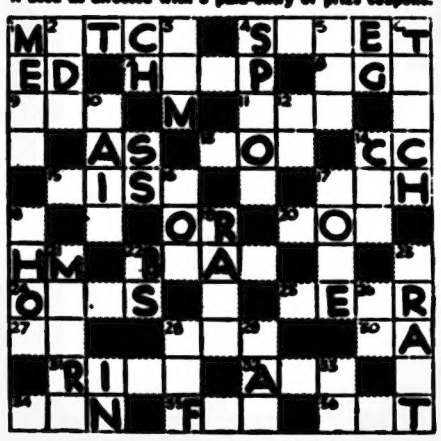

FREE COUPON for use as directed

I enclose THREE paid-entry or prize coupons for Crossword No. 83, and claim this FREE ENTRY accordingly. I agree to all rules and conditions.

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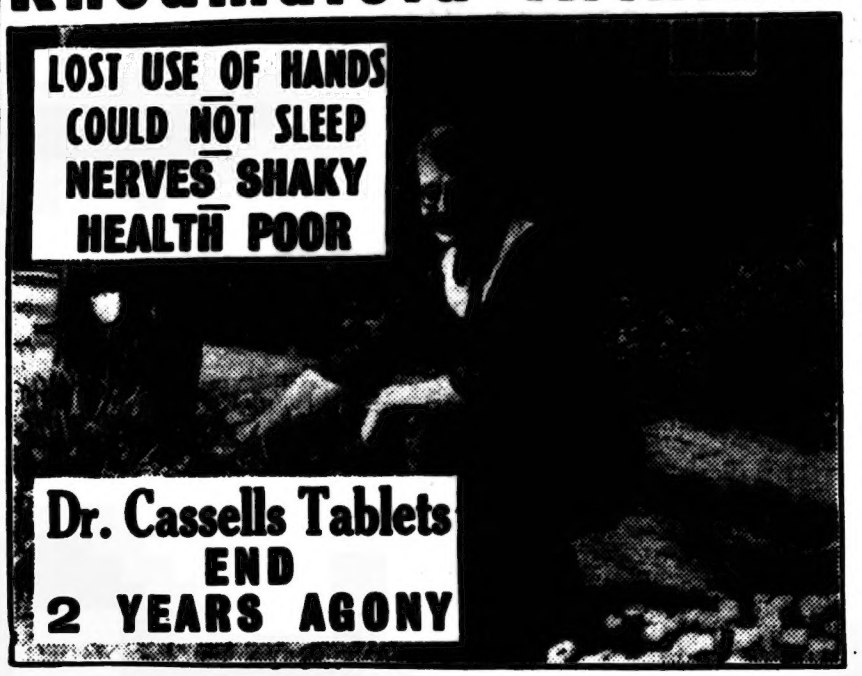
☞ **REMEMBER YOUR £250 BONUS COUPON** ON PAGE OPPOSITE

ADDRESS ENTRY: Crossword No. 83, "JOHN BULL," 57, LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2 (Comp.).

Wonderful Recovery From Rheumatoid Arthritis



From Our Special Health Investigator,

Royston Greene.

Standon, Friday.

The wonderful recovery from crippling rheumatoid arthritis and other health troubles of Mrs. Woodley of Standon Friars is the one topic of conversation in this charming rural community.

Once again it is the world famous Dr. Cassells Tablets which have performed the seemingly impossible! And when I called upon this happy lady this afternoon, I heard a story which will arouse hope in the hearts of every suffering man and woman.

"I am most delighted to be able to tell all other sufferers of the wonderful power of Dr. Cassells Tablets!" she said.

"Just tell me how your trouble commenced, Mrs. Woodley," I remarked.

"For two years," she began, "I was crippled with rheumatoid arthritis. I lost the use of my hands completely and although I attended hospital three times a week for electrical treatment, I did not get any better. Naturally, I could not work and the pain I suffered was terrible."

"It affected your health in many other ways, Mrs. Woodley?" I interjected.

"It broke me up completely!" she replied. "I could not sleep through the pains, my nerves became shaky and eventually I got into a very poor state of health! Life seemed not worth living!"

"And what then?" I prompted.

"When I had almost reached the end of my endurance," she continued, "I found Dr. Cassells Tablets! Before long I began to recover the use of my hands. The awful pains stopped: my health improved: my nerves were strengthened and the sleep I had at night was sound and undisturbed! From the bottom of my heart I praise Dr. Cassells Tablets. I shall continue to recommend them to all I know."

Mrs. Woodley demonstrated to me how completely she had recovered. There was no sign that she was once crippled by that terrible trouble.

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Every day thousands of people are benefiting from the marvellous formula known to fame as Dr. Cassells Tablets. No suffering man or woman should deny themselves the glorious health which Dr. Cassells Tablets can so surely bring! If YOU are a victim of—

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Dr. CASSELLS TABLETS

MISSED LUNCH—GAINED INCOME!

Only 34—but he's a Pensioner already!

EVERY Friday at the lunch hour, the young bachelor you see here rushes back to his rooms at 12, Cumming Street, Pentonville Road, London, N. The reason is simple—Friday is *Bullets* Telegram Day and a "Bulleteer" never knows. . . .

He did so as usual on the Friday our 1,090th First Prize telegram was due for despatch—but there was no golden envelope awaiting him and he returned to his office, cheerfully resigned to wait another week for some good news from JOHN BULL.

Even as he was on his way back, a Joy Wire bearing his name was leaving Long Acre—and soon afterwards he learnt of his success by telephone.

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When I congratulated Mr. Lambert on his First Prize of 20s. Weekly for Life and £100, writes a JOHN BULL man, he was easily able to recall the building of his simple but striking *Bullet*, ON THE CRATER'S EDGE—EUROPE—"FIRESIDE'S" SAFER, BRITAIN!

"That *Example* somehow suggested to my mind the war-time song 'Keep the Home Fires Burning,'" he recalled. "That led me to think of the present European situation and I jotted down the word 'Europe.' Then it occurred to me that summer time was ending and that fires would soon be needed. This led me to link 'crater' with 'fireside,' taking the latter to mean comfort and security at home. A few minutes' hunting for the right word completed my winning effort.

"Actually, the process of reasoning was quite simple and the polishing up of the phrasing was just what I have learned from *Bullets Bulletin*," he declared. "I take this invaluable guide every week and, apart from its hints on constructing *Bullets*, have benefited considerably from the criticisms of other entrants' errors.

"Eight years ago I was introduced to *Bullets* by a senior office colleague, Mr. E. G. Lynbery," our latest *Bullets* Life Pensioner related. "He has been a regular entrant and consistent winner for many years. Each week we compare our efforts before entering and this has proved most helpful to us both."

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From *Example* to rough idea and then from rough idea to First Prize *Bullet*—those were the two simple steps which brought success to this keen "Bulleteer." And remember—they can bring this week's First or a fine Cash-plus-Turkey prize to *you*—if you enter in time.

RESULT OF "BULLETS" No. 1,091

First Prize of £300 cash.

H. T. JEAVONS, 7, Creton Street, Woolwich, S.E.

Example: COLD FEET
Bullet: MINE, Now *Old* FEET.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE £50:

Miss E. HOULT, 26, Forrest Avenue, Marsh, Huddersfield.
Example: Despite All They Say
Bullet: Men Still Marry Them!

THIRD PRIZE £25:

R. G. McLELLAN, Quarry Lane, Christleton, Chester.
Example: Glare Of The Searchlight
Bullet: Nightmare. Now We've Night-light.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

OTHER PRIZES:

£20: W. MONDAY, 18, Downs Road, Hastings. Shows She's Backbone—Missus—*Nothing* "Wears" *Her.*

£15: C. J. ROBERTSON, 15, Belmont Street, Plymouth. Despite All They Say—Yellow Man, Fellow Man.

£10: Mrs C. BROOKS, 140, Bardon Road, Coalville, Leicester. Give Her A Kiss And—Let It "Mean More"!

£9: A. ALBURY, 127, Sturry Road, Canterbury. In Europe's Arena—Lion's Crouching—Over Typewriter!

£8: A. FOULKES, 21, Hamilton Road, Connah's Quay, Nr. Chester. Give Her A Kiss And—You'll "Wipe Off Much."

£7: Mrs. A. WOOLCOCK, 30, Wakeman Road, Willesden, N.W. Life To-day—Incessant Rush—Weary Trudge.

£6: Mrs. A. WRIGHT, 4, Long Lane, Warrington, Lancs. Glare Of The Searchlight—Hall Light—Henpeck "Torpedoed."

£5: D. VIVIAN, 72, Queen's Road, Exeter. Give Her A Kiss And—She Worries—Two, Yesterday!

10 PRIZES OF £3 EACH:

R. BAILEY, "Mentone," Chestnut Avenue, Willerby, E. Yorks. When The Crowd Collected—Dick's Guards Almost Outnumbered!

Mrs. J. BOOTH, "The Gables," Hulland Ward, Nr. Derby. With A Look Of Rapture—"Mary's In Love, John!"

Mrs. M. ELLIS, 16, Cawdor Crescent, Hanwell, London, W. Needs Looking Into—Market "Piracy"—Purse 'Torpedoed."
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

W. FOSTER, 16, Fisher Avenue, Rugby. On His Knees—Burglar—On Father's Chest.

Mrs. E. HARDING, 44, High Street, Chichester, Sussex. Scowling—Even Musso's Back Appears!

J. W. HONEYCOMBE, 261, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, N. On His Knees—Bridegroom—So *Heels* Knocking.

A. INMAN, 11, Norfolk Road, Margate, Kent. Father's Pride—As Crumpled As Binder!

E. A. JONES, Command Pay Office, Chester. Resentful—Recruit—Barracks Like *Barracks.*

F. C. MECAIR, 44, Sidegate Lane, Ipswich. Glare Of The Searchlight—Extinguished—Admiral's Pound Stud!

S. F. RICHES, 70, Kenwood Gardens, Ilford. Father's Pride—When Visitor's Gardener's *Wireless.*
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

Each of the foregoing winners up to £50 will also receive a Bonus Gift consisting of a "Pervanti" Electric Alarm-clock, as will 20 of the A list of these, together with 500 winners of Cash-plus-Surprise Awards value 7s. 6d., can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

£35 in Cash Prizes FREE! For Best Last Line to Limerick on page 31.

THE proprietors of "DIPLOMA" CHEESE offer a first prize of £15 Cash and numerous other cash prizes for the best last line to Limerick in their announcement on page 31. Turn to it now—read the simple conditions, then send in your entry at once. Note closing date, Friday, November 5th, 1937. You may send in as many entries as you like provided you comply with the rules. Address your entries: Competition (Dept. 12), Wilts United Dairies, Ltd., Trowbridge, Wilts.

BLOOD TROUBLES, ABSCESSES, BOILS

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Wonderful tributes to Vitadelia, the famous herbal remedy, are received daily.

Miss Walton, 46, Bridgate St., Newbury, Berkshire, writes:—"For four years I had one Abscess after another. I had four operations, the last being on the spine, which discharged 20 months. I tried Vitadelia and after two bottles my back was easier, so I persevered with it. I have been working two years and keeping fit."

If you are a sufferer do not give up hope—cases pronounced hopeless have yielded to Vitadelia. For Blood Troubles, Liver, Kidney and Stomach complaints, Vitadelia stands alone. Get a bottle to-day. If further proof is required, write for book of testimonials.

Sold by Boots, Timothy Whites and Taylors, Chemists, Stores, 2/- and 3/- per bottle, or direct per post (6d. extra in U.K.). From VITADELIA, LTD., ABBEY, LEEDS.

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PENSION WON OUTRIGHT—X-WORD No. 80.

In connection with "John Bull" Crossword No. 80, the Adjudication Committee decided that the sender of the most meritorious Set of Answers on one Square (see page 44) was the following competitor:—

E. BIHAN, 80, HOSE PARK ROAD, STRETFORD, MANCHESTER.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Competition, this competitor will receive 20s. Weekly for Life, or a lump sum of £500 cash.

Any other entrant who believes that he submitted a Square eligible for a share of this Prize must demand a Scrutiny by not later than First Post, Tuesday, October 26, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of all Squares submitted and Postal Order [illegible] Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny" and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John Bull."

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the Award of £100 to Runners-up. This Prize has been divided between the following 12 competitors from whom we received Squares inferior in merit by reason of only one less apt and accurate answer compared with the best Square received:

Mrs. E. A. Atkins, 104, Denleigh Gardens, Dr. Gladding, Bexley; Mrs. H. B. Barker, 4, Widmore Avenue, Bournemouth; Mrs. W. E. Blackburn, Thornhills Terrace, Billericay, Essex; Mrs. Bromley, 1 Box, L. Hospital, 34, Fentiman Road, Clapham; J. Bunker, 8, Little Anson Road, Tufnell Park, London; Miss Burton, Stanley, Durham; E. L. Le Bihan, 80, Hose Park Road, Stretford, Manchester; D. Bonham, 8, Little Anson Road, Tufnell Park, London; A. Richards, 58, Northampton Road, Penn Wood, Kent; W. Pilcher, Glyn Lodge, Tonbridge, Kent; Mrs. F. A. Stokes, Blackmoor-la-Ozie, Holbeck, Newark, Notts; A. Wragg, Tollerton, Notts; Mrs. G. H. Watson, W. Gladstone Road, Birmingham.

For each winning Square the sum of £8 6s. 8d. will be received by these winners, together with a £5 19s. 6d. All-wave "Victor" Radio.

A useful Surprise Award for each of 20 entrants from whom we received a Square differing from Squares of Runners-up by only one less meritorious Answer will be posted this week.

SHARE IN THIS SHOWER O CASH, XMAS FEA

THE time for Christmas shopping will soon thinking ahead for "Bulleteers"; hundr merry Yuletide as the result of entering

To wait until nearer December 25 may mean gifts which you can win to-day with a good *Bul*

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CUT ROUND THIS LINE

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Add 2, 3, or 4 words only to any "Example"

TO END THE SLAUGHTER
TRAVELLER EDEN
FAULT OF THE PUBLIC
THE DOMINIONS
WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
AFTER SPAIN
IN THE BUSINESS WORLD
QUICK
WHEN A MAN'S DOWN
SOLDIER'S LIFE
IN OUR BLOOD
WREATHED IN SMILES
OUTWARDLY
GOOD MISTRESS
HOW SHE MANAGES
CAREFULLY PLANNED
GROANING
BEFORE THE RACE
WRONG TURNING
I DON'T MIND WORK, BUT
"O.K., CHIEF!"
SONNY'S BLACK EYE
GRANDPA'S DOCTOR
A BIT FUSSY
HEROES
LED AWAY
ONLY A WOMAN
NOISY
BE CONTENT AND
UGLY DUCKLING
A DRAW
SMASHED
LONG WAY TO GO
LIKE VULTURES
TRAIL OF MISERY
IN PURSUIT OF PEACE

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YOUR NAME .....

YOUR FRIEND'S NAME HERE .....

FULL ADDRESS .....

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YOUR ADDRESS .....

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Signed .....

Address .....

"Bullets" must consist of TWO, THREE or FOUR words.

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YOU CAN POST YOUR ENTRY UP TILL LAST POST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.

EXAMPLE
BULLET
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BULLET

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Signed .....

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Signed .....

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